

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week beginning: 26/9/16.

What we have been doing this week:

This week the children have been looking closely at their faces and describing their features. We worked in pairs to describe the features on our partners face. We also looked in mirrors to identify the different features on our own faces. The children thought very carefully about themselves and came up with 3 clues to help others to guess who they are. We have also used paint, pens and collage to create self portraits. These are on display in the classroom and are wonderful! Outside the children have also been making faces using the resources in the nature garden. Outside this week we have been exploring size and using mathematical language to compare objects in terms of size. The children also enjoyed using the IWB to compare and order objects in terms of size.

We have been using the egg timers to measure a minute and the children have been exploring how many laps they can do in one minute. We were very impressed to hear the children talking about 'doing a triathlon' after a comment to one child by a member of staff. Our story focus this week has been 'Bucket Full of Happiness'. We have used this story to encourage discussions about what makes us happy (fills our bucket with happiness) and how we can help make others happy and fill their bucket with happiness.

What we have planned:

Scooter training will take place on Monday 26th September. Please could all children bring in a named scooter. We will be talking about safety, learning skills and playing some simple games.  On Monday we will also be looking at baby photographs and thinking about how we have changed. Please make sure baby photos have been sent in on Monday so that we can share them. During the week we will be ordering photographs to show the sequence from baby to adult. The children will then be sorting a variety of objects to go with each photograph. To follow on from the work we have done on size this week we will be exploring comparison of weight next week. The children will be helping to set up a greengrocers shop in our role play area. We will be making signs to encourage mark making, writing price tags and comparing fruit and vegetables in terms of weight. We will work with the children in the greengrocers to develop the role play and encourage the children to write shopping lists too. Outside this week we have been using egg timers to measure a minute and see how many laps of the garden we can do in that minute, on foot and on the bikes. We will continue this next week and explore different activities we can do in a minute. The children have also been finding different ways to record their results.

Dates

26th September: scooter training (children will need to bring in their scooter from home for the morning session)

30th Sept: MacMillan Coffee Morning (at the main school). **This is also Jeans for Genes day and pink for Breast Cancer. Children can wear jeans and pink.**

Week beginning 3rd Oct: We will be having a visit from parents to talk about their jobs as a doctor and dentist.

17th October: Nursery Harvest celebration 9/9.15am

18th October: Nursery Harvest celebration 9/9.15am

20th October: Sutton Library are coming to visit the Nursery and share stories and rhymes.

21st October: last day of the half term.

16th November: Week of Nursery parent meetings (all children). A letter will come home nearer the time, for you to select a time slot.

Happy birthday to:



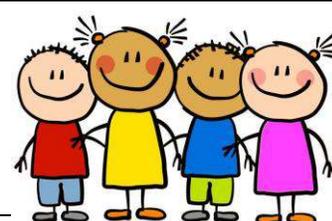
Kaida 19th September

Amy 18th September

Sapna 12th September

Martha 27th September

Kareena 22nd September



Ideas to try at home.

Ideas are available in the studio along with math and literacy games and library books. However, we have been made aware that some parents are not able to come in and select games and activities so we will be sending home a game each week with your child along with their library book. We will also send home one activity to try at home card each week. You are more than welcome to come in and select more or take additional games if you would like.

Additional ideas to try at home:

We have been comparing sizes and reinforcing the mathematical language we size to compare sizes.

- At home compare the heights of members of the family and order them by height.
- Find one shoe from each member of the family and compare them in terms of size, Can you place them in order?
- Find 3 objects and order them in size. Which is the longest/shortest?

Extension:

Explore measuring using footsteps. How many footsteps is it from your door to your bed? How many footsteps is it from your front door to the backdoor?

Portraits:

We have been reinforcing the names of the features on our faces and using different materials to create self portraits. Hunt for some objects to use to create a face: leaves, conkers, pine cones etc.



Jeans for Genes and Pink for Breast Cancer day on 30th September.

We will be joining the main school in supporting these fantastic causes. The children are able to wear jeans and something pink and in return we ask for a donation for the charities.



Also on this date the main school are holding a MacMillan Coffee morning. All parents, friends and family are invited to come along. At the end of the Nursery session we will also have cupcakes for sale to support the event. If you would like to purchase a cupcake for your child please bring along £1

