

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week beginning: 5/12/16.

What we have been doing this week:

This week we have started to talk about Christmas. We used the IWB to find out information about the Christmas story and how people celebrate Christmas. The children helped to sort a variety of items into those we link to the celebration of Christmas and those we do not. We set up a Christmas shop this week and the children have made signs and price tags. They have been using pennies to pay for the items in the shop and writing shopping lists. During our carpet sessions the children have been counting out coins to make a set of a given number. Other children have been playing 'the same as game', after rolling a dice and reading the number the children had to adjust their set of coins to make the new number. This activity involved problem solving using addition and subtraction. The children have been talking about being kind and thinking about the needs of others. Alongside this we have been looking at Christmas magazines and choosing what we would like to give to others for Christmas. Outside this week the children have been wrapping parcels of different shapes and sizes. They have also been delivering parcels and letters to numbered houses. We have enjoyed looking at the frost and ice outside, many of the children think that Elsa has paid us a visit!

What we have planned:

Next week we will be fully embracing Christmas! On Saturday I will be visiting a farm to cut down our Christmas tree. The children will help decorate the tree on Monday and we will make Christmas decorations. On Wednesday we will be going to the main school to enjoy a drama production by 'Aesop Fable Company' the show is *The Gingerbread Man*. This is very interactive and enjoyable. On Friday we will be performing our Christmas show at 9.15/9.30 in the main school hall. During the week we will be completing our Christmas cards, making decorations and practicing the songs, rhymes and dance for our show. The children will also be working in the Christmas shop and writing Christmas shopping lists.



All children have been sent a log in and password to enable them to use the games and activities on Education City. We have subscribed to the site for a year and hope that you will enjoy using this resource at home. Please let us know if you have any problems logging on.

Dates

Wednesday 7 th December	Play for Nursery and Reception (The Gingerbread Man)
Friday 9 th December	Nursery Christmas show in the main school hall..
Wednesday 14 th December	Nursery Christmas Party. We have booked an entertainer for the party (Joe Jangles).

Nursery is closed until 9.30am on the day of the party. All children should come to Nursery at 9.30am.

December

Birthdays!

Happy birthday

to: Ben for 2nd

December





Christmas is coming and we will be putting out our Christmas postbox on Monday. Cards can be posted in between 5th and 13th December. Please make sure all cards have been sent in by 13th December to enable staff to deliver them. Thank you

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 have a selection of games and puzzles in the studio that parts are welcome to borrow.

Additional ideas to try at home:

- We have been using coins to make small sets this week. Use toys to set up a shop and encourage your child to count out the coins needed to buy items. They could also add the coins to find the total when buying 2 toys.
- The same as game: have a set of 10 objects: bottle tops, coins etc, dice and a plate. The child rolls the dice and reads the number. They count that number of objects onto their plate. The child then rolls again and says if the new number is more or less than the set on their plate. They then need to change the set of objects to make the new number. Do you need to add more objects or take some away.
- Continue to reinforce oral blending and segmenting using the pack we sent home before half term. For those children who have some letter sounds, encourage them to use these to spell out simple 3 letter words.

If any parents would like to come and read Christmas story or talk about how they celebrate Christmas please let us know. This would be for the week beginning 12th December.

After a very busy week all the staff would like to say a big well done to the children for working so hard. We are looking forward to 2 weeks of exciting activities.

Mrs McGreevy, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Newton, Mrs Oldroyd, Mrs Ansell and Miss Saunders