

# Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week beginning: 8/1/18.

## Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year. We would also like to welcome Taraka, Safiyah and Gabriel to Nursery

This week we have been settling the children, talking about our Christmas break and reinforcing the use of the areas and resources in the classroom. Rabbits have also been measuring toys using unifix cubes. This involved estimating how many cubes we thought we might need and then measuring the actual size. We also enjoyed our Stick Man story focus and have created a mind map about the story and retold the story in groups. Hedgehogs have continued to enjoy sensory activities and physical activities outside where both classes were encouraged to move like toys in different ways. They have also been enjoying one to one Maths work with Mrs Oldroyd. All the children really enjoyed sharing their Christmas holiday sheets with us and we loved hearing about all their wonderful adventures! The new children will receive their holiday sheets on Friday and we can share them next week.

## What we have planned:

Next week Rabbits will be talking about our favourite toys and describing them in small groups. **Please send in your child's favourite toy, or a photograph if it is large or precious, we will be sharing these on Tuesday.** The children will help to set up a toy shop and we will use this to encourage writing and number work. We will also create a bar chart of the children's favourite toys in Nursery. We will also be sorting objects and making sets by a given criteria.

This term in our story focus we will be looking at books by Julia Donaldson. During these sessions we will share the story, reinforce early reading skills such as reading from left to right, develop story language and encourage the children to respond to simple questions. We will also continue to send home a library book each week for the children to share at home. Hedgehogs will continue with their sensory activities, reinforcing the golden rules and using pictures of faces to describe different emotions such as happy and sad. They will develop their fine motor skills through cutting and will continue with one to one work on number recognition and comparing sets.

This term we will be sending home activity ideas to try at home (for Rabbit class). Maths and literacy games will still be available from Nursery. Please feedback to us via the contact book any activities your child has enjoyed using Education City.

**Show and tell.** We have a show and tell session every Friday morning. The children are welcome to bring something to share. We love to see things that the children have been doing at home or pictures and models they have made. We encourage the children to talk about what they have been doing and share their news with the group. We discourage toys being brought into Nursery each day as this can cause upset. However, we understand that sometimes children need a familiar object to bring to Nursery and if they bring toys we ask them to place them in our red box. The children understand that they are not to play with their toys at Nursery, but they can keep them safe in our box.

**Rosie Rabbit and Henry Hedgehog** will be continued to be shared on Friday.

**Please ensure that all the children have appropriate winter coats as we will continue to use the outside area even in cold weather.**



## Dates

9<sup>th</sup> February African drum workshop (information to follow!)

12<sup>th</sup> February - 16<sup>th</sup> February Half term week



## January Birthdays!

Happy birthday to:

Aran 8<sup>th</sup>

Chloe 9<sup>th</sup>

Gabriel 15<sup>th</sup>

Shreya 29<sup>th</sup>. Also Happy Birthday to Taraka for the 19<sup>th</sup> December!