



Seaton House School Nursery Newsletter

For the week ending:

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 and collage to create self portraits. These are on display in the classroom and are wonderful! Outside this week we have been exploring size and using mathematical language to compare objects in terms of size. The children also enjoyed using different objects to compare sizes and we talked about the mathematical terms taller, longer, shorter, big, medium and small. The children have continued to make volcanoes outside during our investigations and our nature garden sessions have focused on using the mud kitchen and natural materials. 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. Hedgehogs have enjoyed number rhymes, big books focusing on rhyming words, music time using instruments and threading to focus on fine motor skills. All the children enjoyed our messy play with spaghetti and enjoyed making clay models

What we have planned:

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 by Monday so that we can share them.** During the week we will be showing the photographs to show the sequence from baby to adult. We will be talking about how we change and what we can do now that we could not do when we were babies. 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. We will also be encouraging the children to use 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. The children will be finding different ways to record their results. **Hedgehogs** will be using the babies in the role play to talk about what babies do and how we look after them, they will continue with their language, early phonics groups and sensory play as well as nursery rhymes and stories.

September Birthdays!

Happy birthday to:

Safiyah 4th
Tazkiyah 10th
India 22nd
Simra 29th



Diary Dates:

Week of 17th September. Settling in meetings for new children only.

21st September. Macmillan coffee morning/jeans for genes and breast cancer research (at the main school)

26th September. Visit to Banstead library

5th October Scooter Training - Rabbits class (letter to come home)

11th October Nursery coffee morning and Harvest songs

7th and 9th November Lower Nursery (hedgehogs parent meetings)

Week beginning 12th November: Week of Upper Nursery (Rabbits) parent meetings (letter to come home)

15th November Drama workshop

Week beginning 20th November Week of Lower Nursery parent meetings

A letter will come home nearer the time, for you to select a time slot.

24th November POSH Bazaar

5th December Christmas songs in Nursery.

6th December Drama show The Gingerbread Man

10th December Christmas jumper day

12th December Christmas party. Nursery to come in at 9am

Ideas to try at home:

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Ideas are available on our home learning board as well as math and literacy games which are available in the bookcase. Your child will also take a library book home each week to return the next 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 use. 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 tallest/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.

Please go on an Autumn walk or in your garden and search for natural materials such as acorns , conkers, sticks and brightly coloured leaves to bring into Nursery.



The Nearly New Uniform Store run by POSH currently has some age 3-4 waterproof jacket & trousers in stock. These are in excellent condition and are only £12 per item. Also, the store has small size SHS branded tracksuit bottoms which again at £12 are great for spares. Please email committee_POSH@outlook.com with any enquiries.