



Seaton House School Nursery Newsletter

For the week ending: 28.09.18

What we have been doing this week:

Our trip to Banstead Library was a huge success. The children especially enjoyed getting the S1 bus and we borrowed some books based around our topic with our very own Seaton House library card. The children all behaved impeccably, and we were all very proud of them as you should be as well! On Tuesday we enjoyed looking at baby photographs and sharing them in small groups. We have been thinking about what babies can do and how we have changed as we have grown up. The children enjoyed looking at photographs of Mrs. Hopkins as a baby and toddler and we spoke about how we have all changed and what we can do now that we could not do then. We have set up a Greengrocer this week using real fruit and vegetables. The children explored the vegetables and named them, we then sorted the fruit and vegetables. We have also been using balance scales to develop the concept of heavier and lighter. The children have also reinforced this with larger balance scales outside. In the greengrocers shop the children have also been writing shopping lists, taking on a role in group play and using coins to count out small sets to pay for their shopping. We have also had a lot of fun! We were very lucky to visit the Green grocer in Banstead High street where we had the opportunity to sample the tastiest grapes and we also brought a pineapple and cauliflower for our Nursery Greengrocers! Outside this week we have been exploring different ways of moving. We have also been focusing on Number recognition using large number tiles. In cooking the children have enjoyed making pizza faces. Hedgehogs have enjoyed number songs using props, stories and making jelly as well as the usual PSED and language groups. We also had a surprise visit on Friday from PC Kerry Grover and her colleague. The children thoroughly enjoyed trying on Police uniform and asking lots of questions. This visit has really benefited the children as next week we plan to focus on people who help us and different types of jobs we could do when we grow up.

What we have planned:

Next week we will be encouraging the children to think about what they would like to be when they grow up. We will be reading a variety of stories about growing up together with looking at information books about occupations. We are very lucky to have Safiyah's Daddy and Charlies Nanny coming in to talk about their jobs. The children will be sharing their ideas in small groups, drawing pictures of themselves and using the dressing up resources to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up. We will continue to develop the greengrocers shop next week and use the role play to reinforce number recognition, encourage accurate counting out of coins to make small sets and adding 2 small sets to find the total. Outside next week we will be exploring natural materials such as pine cones, shells and conkers. We will use the resources to reinforce heavier and lighter with those needing further support. We will also be sorting the materials into sets and using the resources to create pictures and patterns. We will also be learning our harvest songs ready to perform at our harvest coffee morning. We are very excited to be ending our week with scooter training (a letter has been sent out.)

October Birthdays!

Happy birthday to:

Charlie - 1st October.
Have a lovely day.



Dates:

5th October Scooter Training - Rabbits class (letter has been emailed)
11th October Nursery coffee morning and Harvest songs
22nd October-2nd November - Half Term
5th November LN (Hedgehogs) reports and learning journeys to go home.
7th and 9th November Lower Nursery (hedgehogs parent meetings)
9th November Upper Nursery (rabbits) reports and learning journeys to go home.
Week beginning 12th November: Week of Upper Nursery (Rabbits) parent meetings (letter to come home)
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
14th December Break up at 12 noon (collection from library entrance at the main school)

Ideas to try at home.

Ideas are available on the home learning board and on the bookcase. Please ask us if you would like some help selecting a game. Library books will be sent home each week to be returned by the following week. Phonics games have been sent home this week please return by **Thursday 4th October.**

Additional ideas to try at home:

We have been comparing objects in terms of weight.

- At home explore this further. Select an object and then ask your child to find something that is heavier and then something that is lighter. Encourage your child to use their hands as a balance so that they can feel the weights and compare them.
- Find 3 objects and order them in terms of weight.

We have been exploring fruit and vegetables this week and naming them. Visit the greengrocers or section in the supermarket. Can you find an aubergine, leeks, courgette, sweet potato, mango, tangerine, celery?

Talk about where each of the fruit and vegetables you find grow. Is it in a tree, bush or under the ground?

Encourage your child to make a shopping list and then go and buy the items.

Use tins from your cupboard and put numbers on them. Encourage your child to count out 1p coins to pay for each item. Encourage them to count carefully and stop when they reach the number that has been requested.



Please could all parents bring in some fruit each week, so we can share this with the children at snack time. Examples are a bunch of bananas, apples, a punnet of grapes.

Please name all water bottles, jumpers and shoes.