



Seaton House School Nursery Newsletter

For the week ending: 19th October, 2018

What we have been doing this week:

This week we have been focusing on sensory activities! Your children have enjoyed tabletop painting, playing with oats and cornflakes, shaving foam and cornflour. We have had lots of messy fun and have encouraged the children to use descriptive language to describe how it feels! We have sent home some ideas to support oral blending and early phonics skills as well as a maths game. **Please return after Half Term.** Outside this week we have been exploring our nature garden and the children have been exploring the natural resources from around the garden. They also enjoyed picking carrots from our vegetable patch and we all shared them at snack time. In our mathematics session this week we have been reinforcing number recognition 1-10 Or 11-20 and encouraging the children to count out sets of a given number. We have also been reinforcing counting and encouraging the children to count on from a given number until they reach 10. We have been encouraging the children to work with others in the role play area and share ideas. We have also provided lots of opportunities to use writing as part of role play. Hedgehogs enjoyed their weekly nature garden session as well as going on an Autumn walk. They then used the natural resources they found to make an Autumn collage. They have enjoyed stories and rhymes and have played a lotto game as well as a colour game to encourage turn taking and listening and attention. After Half Term, Hedgehogs will take turns to bring Harriet Hedgehog home to spend the weekend with them.

Dates

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 has 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 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. **Many thanks to Simra's Dad who has set up this link which has all the home learning ideas that are available on the notice board.** <https://goo.gl/dUJSss>.



What we have planned:

Next half term we will be thinking about celebrations and festivals. We will be thinking about the different festivals and events we celebrate with our families. Would any parents be able to come in to talk about Diwali with the children? A copy of our topic web for next half term has been sent home in your child's bookbag. Below is an idea of what we have planned for after half term: Please be aware this is subject to change as we aim to focus on ideas from the children as well.

Week Focus

- 1 Talking about Diwali and how it is celebrated. We will read and retell the story of Rama and Sita. We will explore repeating patterns and use a variety of materials to make these. We will talk about fireworks and use this to explore colour mixing and changing sounds.
- 2 The children will be designing and making rockets with junk and construction resources. We will be encouraging them to talk through their ideas and adapt these when needed. We will be exploring 2D shapes and using them to create pictures and patterns. The children will be acting out and sequencing the story 'Whatever Next'.
- 3 Celebrations and parties. We will be planning a party and thinking about what we need. The children will be writing invitations, cards and lists of food. We will be wrapping presents and using this to reinforce size and introduce 3D shape.
- 4 Talking about the variety of things we celebrate: weddings, Christenings etc. We will be looking at photographs and talking about special events. **Please send in a photograph for your child to share (Wedding, birthday, Christening etc).** We will be exploring ICT resources and finding out what they do and how they work. The children will also be writing letters home with their Christmas list!
- 5 and 6 We will be making decorations for Christmas, planning our Christmas party, having a drama show and putting on our Christmas play

Alongside these activities we will have circle times, language groups, phonic and maths carpet sessions, Nature garden and story group.

Each week we will send home more information.

Show and tell.

After half term we will have a show and tell session every Friday morning.

The children are welcome to bring something to share.



Please make sure that your child has a coat at Nursery every day. We make use of our outside area each day and it is starting to get chilly and wet.

Please make sure your child has welly boots in Nursery and a full change of clothes.

Have a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing you in two weeks!