



Seaton House School

Early Years Information Sheet

For the week ending: Friday 7th February 2020

Nursery

What we have planned: We will be busy updating our assessments in preparation for parent's meetings after Half Term. We are also looking forward to our junk percussion workshop on Tuesday and will be making our own models in Nursery.

We will be also focus on investigations and will be looking at ways to make the best bubbles and the best ways to help teddies to cross the water. The children will all be cooking next week and will be making cakes.

What we have planned for after half term:

We are very excited to be getting an incubator and eggs again this year and they arrive on Tuesday 17th March. The children will be learning about change over the next half term and we will be looking after our eggs and watching as they hatch and the Ducklings grow. The children will be planting, seeds, bulbs and beans and growing potatoes as part of our topic. We will look at changes over time and think about how we take care of plants and our environment. After half term we are also planning a trip to the woods to look for signs of spring. The first week back we will be talking about eggs and what we might expect to find inside an egg! Over the holiday you might like to think about which animals hatch from eggs. We will be looking at a variety of eggs and thinking about what they are made of. The first story focus will be 'Little Lumpty' which is based on the rhyme of Humpty Dumpty. The children will be helping to think of ways to help Lumpty get down from the wall safely and investigating if we could wrap him in material to keep him safe. Next half term the older children will be taking part in lots of investigations and problem solving activities to develop creative thinking skills.

The younger children will continue to explore lots of sensory activities, language games and social circles alongside being supported to select activities within the Nursery classroom.

Reception

What we have planned: You will be pleased to know that the girls have filled their marble reward jar! As a reward this half term they asked for: a craft afternoon and cake and hot chocolate with Mrs Darvill, Mr Roads and Mrs Leedham! We do not want to disappointment after all their hard work so we have arranged: craft afternoons including decorating fabric bags (they will bring these home) and using wooden spoons to make puppets. The girls helped to write a letter to Mrs Darvill, Mr Roads and Mrs Leedham inviting them for cake and we have arranged for Tuesday at 2.30. We have also voted for the cake we would like best. The clear winner by 18 votes was chocolate but we had a joint 2nd place so I will be making 3 cakes: lemon drizzle, chocolate and Victoria sponge. The girls will have a small slice of cake and a cup or milk or hot chocolate. **We are aware and will plan for all allergies but if you have any concerns please email me.** Alongside all this excitement we will continue with our phonics work next week and we will be updating our assessments. In maths we will continue to look at money and use the coins in our toy shop role play area. Before they make their puppet and bag the girls are going to design them and write labels to go with them. This is a great literacy activity and also encourages them to think through and discuss their ideas.

As a finally to our story focus we will read The Lighthouse Keepers Catastrophe. The girls will receive a letter from the Lighthouse Keeper asking for their help to make a new basket. They will then work in pairs to make a basket to carry 4 items of food from one end of the classroom to the other and they can only use tape and newspaper! This involves lots of collaboration, problem solving, negotiation, resilience and tape!

We have a junk percussion workshop on Tuesday morning and we will follow this up some junk modelling. If you have any small boxes, tubes, newspapers etc. we would really appreciate them.



Happy Birthday in February to:

Nursery: Naima, Orla, Anmei

Diary dates:



12th Feb: Poetry recital (Reception only) we will join the main school to share our class poem in the afternoon. The recital starts at 1.15pm.

Nursery and Reception parent meetings will be during the week beginning 2nd March, an email with times and dates will be sent out just before half term. Booking an appointment will be done on line, details will be sent home in the letter about dates.

After half term we will be having caterpillars in Reception, these will hopefully come home on Friday 6th March. We send it home with full instructions and a net so you can watch the caterpillar change and emerge as a butterfly. On 17th March we will be having a delivery of duck eggs and we expect the ducklings to start hatching from 19th March!

We will be holding coffee mornings for parents: 24th March for Nursery and 25th March for Reception (all parents and carers welcome).

We also have a drama workshop booked on 26th March and a trip to Morden Hall Park to hunt minibeasts on 31st March (Reception and older Nursery only).

Information and Reminders:

Nursery

Please make sure your child has:

Please could we have some old cards for the children to cut up in the craft area. We are also collecting junk modelling materials such as boxes, yoghurt pots, bottle lids, tubes (no toilet rolls), wrapping paper etc.

Coats, hats and scarfs

In line with the school uniform list please ensure that all children in Nursery and Reception have a school 'stormdry' winter coat.

Reception girls should also have a navy school hat and gloves.

Reception PE

Please remember that earrings cannot be worn on PE days. The girls might have to miss the lesson if they are wearing earrings as it is a health and safety issue.

This will be the last Early Years information sheet for this half term and we hope you all enjoy a very restful half term break! A letter will be sent home in bookbags with information about our topic for next half term.

