



Newsletter September 2017

News

We are very sad to announce that we say goodbye to Faye this month. Unfortunately her circumstances have changed and she has chosen to spend more time at home with her daughter. We are all very sad to see her go but she will be popping in from time to time to say hello. Keeley and Grace will remain in the office and will be joined by Emma Hedges who is returning following her maternity leave. Please direct any queries or concerns their way. We would like to thank Faye for her many years of hard work and wish her every success in the future ☺

Tiddlers and Seahorses

Tiddler and Seahorse rooms would like to wish our friends moving on to Goldfish room a very happy journey. We will miss our time together. We are excited to welcome our new friends into the rooms and hope you all have lots of fun as your nursery journey begins.

During September we will be trying our hardest to enjoy the last of our summer and getting ready to welcome in autumn. To celebrate the beginning of Harvest we will be encouraging the babies to make homemade bread and explore all of the ingredients we will be using. We will also talk about Harvest to develop our communication, physical development and understanding of the world.

We are continuing to enjoy outdoor play and try to support physical development as much as possible. The babies love spending time in the garden and have been climbing lots on the frames and slides. This month has been very busy and filled with messy play. We especially enjoyed creating pictures by rolling cars in paint. This has created a lovely display for our walls. We have identified this as a popular interest within the baby rooms and will be following it by adding different toys to our arts and crafts. This will help us to explore by using our senses whilst also developing out communication and physical skills.

Please can we ask that our new babies bring in a family photo to be displayed on our home learning family tree? The babies enjoy them as they are able to recognise familiar faces and see their family members throughout the day. This also helps to strengthen their personal, social and emotional development.

Goldfish

We would like to welcome Matylda, Eveline, Tyler, Flynn, Ella, Ava, Hayden, Finley, Olive, George, Leah and Tom into the Goldfish room from Seahorses. We hope you will have lots of fun.

During September, the children will be extending our Understanding of the World by celebrating the harvest festival by exploring a variety of fruits and vegetables in the tactile tray. We will be using our EAD skills by printing with them to look at the different patterns they make and discuss the colours and shapes. We will also be doing fruit and vegetable tasting at snack times as well as having a number of real foods in the home corner to extend their imagination.

To mark the Muslim festival of Eid al Adha, which celebrates the end of Ramadam, the children will be making their own sheep pictures using a variety of collage pieces, paint and pens.



Seashells



This month Seashells would like to welcome George, Grayson, Hugo Trebes, Ivy, Seren, Eloise, Rudie and Lewis to the room. September sees the Seashells focussing on emptying and pouring cups to support their PD skills when pouring their own drinks at snacktimes. Alongside this, we are going to be looking at the harvest festival. To mark this, we are going to be doing some vegetable printing and making some special vegetable pictures. These activities will help develop our fine motor skills along with their Understanding of the World and Communication skills. Please could you send in a photo/s of your child's family members so we can discuss the people we love. As the weather changes, please ensure that your children have outdoor and sensible hard-soled indoor shoes plus wellie boots as we can never be sure what we are going to need on a daily basis!

Starfish



This Month is the beginning of a transition period; we would like to welcome all of our Seashell children into starfish. We hope they enjoy their time with us and settle in very soon.

Bringing in the harvest

September brings us the Month of Harvest. The Starfish children will be looking at different vegetables and how they grow. They will be exploring their sensory skills with various smells and textures. We will be using the vegetables to create patterns and make collages to develop their EAD skills.



New! Introducing our 'show and tell basket'

We are looking to introduce a basket for the Children to take turns to take home. The basket is to encourage the children to look for items either outside or inside which link with our letter, colour or shape of the month. On return of the basket the children will be encouraged to talk about their finds at circle time, and display on our topic table.

Shape of the month

Also new is our Shape of the month this month is Circle we will be looking at circle shapes both inside and in the environment. Additionally we will be introducing a shape treasure box, where this month the children will be encouraged to find circle shapes. This will help to develop their Maths and communication skills.



Letter of the Month



Our letter of the Month is 'Ii' we would like to ask parents to encourage their Children to look for things beginning with our letter where we can display on our table situated in the hall by the bathroom and talk about their finds at circle time.

To link in with our letter the Children will be exploring a range of sensory activities, developing their knowledge and understanding of the world, as well as their imaginary and exploratory skills. To also link with our letter we will be focusing on 'Incy wincy Spider' both in song form and story, using puppets to encourage their PSED, imaginary and communication skills.

Book of the Month

To further the Children's communication and listening skills, our book of the month is 'Immi's gift'. The book is about friendship which will help to encourage the children to share and accept the needs of others.

Colour of the Month



Our colour of the month is yellow, please encourage your child to look for things around your home and in the environment, and again any items they find are very welcome for our table. This encourages and develops their colour recognition and the Characteristics of effective learning with making links.

Role play

Our role play this month will be 'Hospitals'. To develop the children's knowledge and understanding, communication and imaginary skills we will be talking about injuries and illness as well as caring for others. Any bandages would be very welcome.

Parent information board.

Each week we ask that you write down your Child's interest, this will be situated on our information board just outside the dining room, along with our letter, colour, book and shape of the month.

Achievement

We will be giving all our new starters a 'Wow' for parents to fill in any achievements for your child. This enables your child to talk about their achievement at circle time giving them a sense of self worth and develops their communication skills. It will then be displayed on our Achievement board along with a photo of your child.



Could we ask all parents to ensure your children have named wellies, hats and all in ones for outdoors. As always, the British weather is unreliable and these items are needed almost every day.

Thank you for your support
Joanne, Wendy, Abbie and Hayley

Preschool



These last few months in pre-school have been very emotional as we say goodbye to many of our children as they leave to begin their exciting new adventures at school. All the staff in pre-school would like to say a very big 'Thank You' for your support this last year and again for the generosity and kindness you have shown us with your lovely gifts and cards - I know I can speak for all of the team when I say we shall miss you all.

Now we welcome the starfish children to our room and hope you enjoy the new activities, routines and fun that lie ahead!

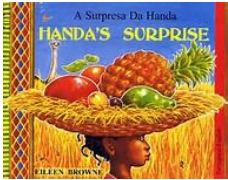
This month we are focussing strongly on our British Values and Children's Freedom of Choice. We are again implementing a mosaic approach to learning in that the children themselves are taking photos of activities, toys and things they like doing and by doing so we can listen to what they are telling us and act on their feedback.

We will be marking the start of harvest in many ways. If you have any fruit and vegetables that you can spare, please may we ask you to bring them in as we have so



many plans for them! We would like to further our Understanding of the World and Communication skills by talking about where and how fruit and vegetables grow and touch, smell and taste them. We will be enabling our Expressive Art and Design skills and Fine motor skills by cutting them ourselves and printing with them as well as making fruit kebabs. We will be practising our maths skills as we sort, count and shape and our Literacy skills as we talk about what letter each start with.

Book of the Month



To engage our listening and communication skills and in line with our topic; our Book of the Month is 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. This book is about an African girl who takes her friend some fruit which animals on her journey keep taking out of the basket on her head. We will be using our very own story sack to recreate Handa's journey around the nursery garden! We are still encouraging children to bring books (not toys!) in to pre-school as this fosters a love of books as well as a sense of importance of bringing their own books into nursery to share with their friends.

Role play area

Our role play area this month as always covers all seven areas of the EYFS and, with help from the children, is going to become a farm shop. This links in with the children's Understanding of the World as well as with our Book of the Month. This also encourages their PSED, EAD and Communication and Language skills as they roleplay with friends, their Maths skills as they count and weigh the different shapes and sizes of vegetables and their Literacy and PD skills as they draw pictures and use the clipboards to make shopping lists.

Letter and number of the Week

Letter of the week, which forms a strong part of our Literacy development, commences Monday 5th September with the letter J, followed by K, L, M and N the following weeks. As always, any items you have at home beginning with these letters each week are gratefully received and used on our theme table. This



greatly encourages confidence and sense of self-worth when the children have something to show and tell at circle time. The children will also be looking out for number of the week and looking for the correct number of items during circle time. Please ensure any items you bring in are named, and small enough to fit in your child's drawer when we have finished sharing them. Thank you.

Colour and shape of the week



The children themselves choose a different colour and, more recently, a shape each week and really enjoy collecting objects of that colour in and around nursery. This encourages their colour recognition and the characteristics of effective learning in making links and recognises shapes in the environment. Please encourage your child to look for the colours, shapes and indeed letters of the week at home, and again, any items from home are welcome for our theme table situated in the first room.

Interests, achievements and WOW board

Each week, we ask that you write down your child's interest or achievement on the interest board situated to the right of the whiteboard on the wall. This helps us in providing for your child's stimulation, aids our planning of the seven areas of learning and also enables us to celebrate your child's achievement which furthers their PSED skills and sense of self. We also have a WOW board where you can take a star and write down your child's achievement so we can celebrate it in circle time with their peers, which furthers their sense of self-esteem.



Reminders

- Please do remember to check your pouches as you enter and leave pre-school each day. These contain any invoices, letters or information about forthcoming events, as well reading the Parent Information Board, located just outside the pre-school.
- Please can we remind parents to call and inform us if your child is going to be absent for nursery for any reason. Thank you.
- Please ensure you sign your child both IN and OUT of nursery each day. We need to account for all children at nursery to ensure the safety of your child in the unlikely event we have to evacuate the building for any reason.
- Another gentle reminder that we do encourage children to leave toys and teddies at home. A number of items are still finding their way into nursery and have subsequently been lost, so we are asking that children bring only books they can share and will fit into their drawers when finished.
- To encourage independence, children have access to jugs of water all day which they are regularly encouraged to pour themselves; therefore water bottles are NOT required in pre-school.

Thank you for your support as ever.

Sarah, Emma, Kim and Alec

Kitchen news: 'Susan says'.....



"Don't forget you can order a birthday cake from me, for your child to share with his or her friends. I need at least 48 hours' notice and I can make plain, vanilla, chocolate or lemon flavours"

Dates for your diaries

Pre-school walk to the church for the harvest festival - date to be confirmed.

That's all for this month!! ☺