



# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

If your child has a birthday coming up and you would like to request a cake, please ask a member of the team giving at least one week's notice. These are at an additional cost of £5, payable by cash. All dietary requirements are catered for. Thank you

## **Tiddlers and Seahorses**

We would like to welcome to our new friends to the nursery. We hope you enjoy your journey and all of the lovely things along the way.

As we move into June, we will continue our sensory development with various items and objects. Our tactile tray plan will include lots of different sensory play from jelly and shaving foam to corn flour and water beads. If there are any items you think our babies would love to explore please share them with us.

Our babies are enjoying our new sensory CD and we will be including this in our daily and weekly routines along with our ribbons and bubbles.

To promote our physical development, we will be using our soft play shapes, tunnels and slides. This helps our balance, co-ordination and confidence. Tiddlers and seahorses have been exploring lots of this indoors and will continue to do so.

During the warmer weather, babies have shown an interest in lots of water play. We will be continue to do this, indoors and out, and will be adapting this to each child's individual interests.

We are beginning to send out suggested learning forms/letters. This is to include all parents and carers in the activities we have been doing at nursery and to follow the next steps we are planning. We would love to see any photos you may have so please send them to our nursery email [info@buckden-day-nursery.com](mailto:info@buckden-day-nursery.com) they will then be displayed within the room.

Could we please remind parents to bring spare changes of clothes as we are getting very messy in the garden, playing with the sand and water.

## Goldfish

This month in goldfish we will be looking at food and incorporating this into our daily activities.

We will be using our senses to explore different fruit and vegetables in our tactile tray and seeing how they look, smell and feel. We will also be exploring lots of other foods such as coloured rice, dried spaghetti and baked beans in our tactile tray and will be using potatoes, apples and spaghetti to paint and print with.



For summer solstice, we will be creating some summery pictures using lots of yellow and orange resources to paint and stick with and to mark Father's day we will all be making our Daddies a special treat.

Throughout the month we will also be trying lots of different fruit tasting at snack times.

Could we please remind any parents to please bring in some family photos for us to create a family book for your child to look through and talk about whilst at nursery.

## Seashells



Seashells have had lots of fun learning about life cycles over the last few weeks. They have been watching and waiting for the caterpillars to turn into butterflies and have been very patient.

This month we are going to be continuing with this theme by looking deeper into The Hungry Caterpillar book. The children will then have the chance to do a taste test of all of the things that the caterpillar ate in the story. The children will be developing their understanding of the world, personal social and emotional development as well as their communication skills.

To link in with Father's Day we are going to be looking at pictures of our Dads and making special pictures for them to take home. By completing these special pictures, this will help with their fine and gross motor skills as well as their art and design.

To mark the world cup, we will be looking at different countries, making flags for some of the countries and also some trophies to celebrate the winners.

To mark summer we are going to be collecting flowers and making some perfume by mixing, squashing and cutting some flowers and then adding water.

The seashell children will also be having fun in a summer tactile tray which will include sand, water, corn flour, shells and other exciting things you might find at the beach.

## **Starfish**



Firstly we would like to thank all parents who have supported us with the introduction of '**Home learning**', beginning with sensory plants to support the natural world interest and growing beans along with the Jack and the Beanstalk story. It's been wonderful listening to the children's excitement as well as following the beans progress with some great photos. We are continuing the natural world interest with a bug cave role play area.

This month we are focusing on today, yesterday and tomorrow, we will be encouraging the children to use language such as **Yesterday was, today is and tomorrow will be**. We would be very grateful if you could support your child with a little activity in our next home learning.

Summer is approaching and the starfish children are beginning to talk about holidays. To keep this interest we have changed our home corner into an ice cream parlour, its already proving a success, with lots of creative language being used.

## **Letter of the Month**

The letter of the month for June will be 'R' with a focus on Rainbows, we will explore some lovely sensory and craft activities, these help to develop all areas of their learning, some of which include fine motor skills, understanding of the world and maths skills. We will also celebrate the end of Ramadan with a festival called Eid. This will be supported with making some sweet delights and some colourful craft activities.

## **Book of the month**

Our book of the month will be Little Red Riding Hood, this will link with our letter as well as supporting language and communication development, and at the same time encouraging repeated refrains with the use of puppets to support their story telling.

## **Shape and Colour of the month**

Our shape this month will be a diamond and the colour orange. We would be grateful if you could continue to support your child with encouraging them to look for things in and around the home beginning with our letter and colour and perhaps put either on our display or talk about their finds at circle time

## Pre-School



I'm sure most of you have already met her, but we would like to welcome Sophie to the Pre-School team. She will be a great asset to the room.

The children have recently shown a great interest in the construction area outside, making their own caves and dens. As we move into June, our topic is The Three Little Pigs. We will be looking at the different materials used in the story and exploring different ways of building houses. The children will be doing this through tactile exploration as well as expressive arts and design.

We will also be taking part in physical activities to mark the start of the world cup. This will help develop the children physical skills and hand eye co-ordination as well as giving them the opportunity to learn about different teams and countries.

### **Letter of the week**

To begin with, we will be starting off the month with the letter U followed by V,W,X. The children will be carrying out various activities each week based around the letter. We will be sending you 'home learning' sheets with a few ideas you could do at home to help support this. Please feel free to send any photos over via email so your child is able to share this at group time. [info@buckden-day-nursery.co.uk](mailto:info@buckden-day-nursery.co.uk)

### **Book of the month**

Our book of the month is 'Three Little Pigs'. We have a range of activities based around this for indoors and outside. The children will be encouraged to re-enact part of the story during role play, order the story in the correct sequence and describe the main characters.

### **Parents evening**

Please can we remind parents/carers if you wish to attend parents evening, please put your child's name on the time slot you would like. These are displayed on the main pre-school door.

### **Reminders**

- Please can we remind you to keep individual toys at home. If your child wishes to bring a book to share this is fine
- May we ask you to provide your child with a small bag containing a couple of changes of clothes.
- As the weather is so unpredictable please ensure they have suitable clothing for cold and warm weather.

### **Dates for the diary**

Leavers photos - Friday 29th June at 9:30

Sports day - Monday 16th July from 9 - 11 (Buckden School Field)

Leaver's party - Friday 20th from 3:30 until 5pm (Village Hall)

If you have any questions regarding any of the above events, please speak with a member of the pre-school team.

Please can we ask you let us know which school your child will be attending. We will then be able to make links with the school ready for your child's transition.

**Thank you for your continued support**