

Seedlings Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2018

This week we have been learning about supermarkets and people who help us! We have been busy making our role play area. As well as creating smoothies, printing for food, exploring food with magnifying glasses, counting food and thinking about what makes a healthy lunchbox!

The children have also been working hard in their phonics activities, thinking about the sounds that they can create with their bodies as well as hearing rhyme within words. We are really impressed with their hard work!

Next week we will be basing our learning on firefighters and how they help us. We will be creating paintings using the colours you would see in a fire, developing our fine motor skills using the water squirters as well as continuing to develop our counting and listening skills.

Towards the end of the week we will also be looking at babies as they children have shown a great interest in these and there are lots of children whom are going to become big brothers and sisters in the coming weeks!

Things you can do to help your child develop and prepare for 'big school':

- Read books daily, the words the children hear will help their vocabulary develop and inspire their imagination!
- Draw as much possible – get your child to talk about the marks they make on the paper, it will gradually begin to resemble letters and sounds.
- Get messy – messy play whether it is painting, sticking or playing in the mud will all develop their creativity.
- Encourage their independence: getting dressed, laying the table for tea, tidying their room and helping to prepare fruit and vegetables for meal times.
- Encourage your child to be independent when using the toilet and remembering to wash their hands afterwards.

Home Journals

Thank you all so much for starting to use your child's home journal as a means for sharing all the fab things that you get up to at home. Please feel free to use these as you wish, but don't feel you have to complete them every day. It is lovely to see how the children are developing their skills at home too!

Stay and Play Session

Tuesday 6th February we will be holding a stay and play session within nursery. This will be an opportunity for you to join your child in nursery to explore and learn alongside them. The morning session will run from 11.00-11.45am (for children who go home at 11.45am).

The afternoon session will be open from 2.45-3.30pm. (For children who go home at 3.30pm). Younger siblings are also welcome to attend.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 9th Feb: INSET day, nursery still open.

Monday 12th-16th Feb: Nursery closed for February half term.

Monday 18th Feb: Children return to nursery.

Thursday 1st March: World Book Day. All nursery children welcome to dress up as their favourite book character for the day.

Next term...

We are aiming to base our learning on the children's favourite stories and story characters. We would love you to take a photograph of your child reading their favourite book in an unusual place, for example; in a den, under the stairs, on a scooter. Mrs L will give a prize to the most unusual reading photo! If you could also have a chat with your child and write their 3 favourite stories into their home journal we will make sure we use this to help our planning for next term. Many Thanks.

Development Meetings

Mrs L will be trying to catch all parents/carers over the coming days to sign up for a meeting time to discuss their child's progress and development during the last few weeks and to go through their learning journey. If you are yet to have signed up please speak to a member of staff on the door or drop us an email and we can arrange a suitable time.

Star of the Week:

Zinab – For always giving 100% to everything she does in nursery. Great work Zinab!