



# Newsletter

## November 2015

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to complete this year's BDN Questionnaire we are currently compiling written feedback which you will receive at the end of November.

We would like to mention that the nursery closes at 6pm. We would like to remind you that the practitioners caring for your children work long ten hour days and we ask that you are in the building to receive your handover at the latest 5.55pm. If you arrive at 6pm you will not receive a full detailed verbal handover. We will ensure all the day's information is recorded on their daily sheets.

We are, sadly, having to reinstate late payment charges due to the increase of late collections in recent months. We have tried to avoid this option but feel due to the volume of late collections there is unfortunately no choice. The late payment charges will go directly to the practitioners on lates (staying beyond 6pm). The late payment charges will be charged at £5.00 every five minutes per child. For all parents arriving late, please can we ask that you notify the nursery of your expected arrival via telephone? Thank you in advance.

### Tiddlers and Seahorses



We would like to welcome all of our new friends to the Tiddler and Seahorse rooms for lots of nursery fun! We hope you enjoy nursery as much as we do. This month we are concentrating on expanding our Understanding of the World by focussing on Autumn. We will be using many natural items from outside in our sensory and tactile trays. We will also be collecting leaves, conkers and pine cones from walks around the village, which the children have really enjoyed, so we will be continuing this theme as they have expressed lots of interest in exploring the feel and smell of lots of different items! We will thus be making the most of our outdoor space to explore the environment every day, both in our baby garden and on walks. We will be exploring our mark making skills to encourage creative development and fine motor skills, using different tools to make different colours.



### Goldfish

We would like to welcome Samuel, William, Ella-Rose, Lucy and Arianna to the goldfish from seahorse. To mark bonfire night we will be enlisting our creative skills to make a firework wall display using paints, glue and glitter. To mark Remembrance Day, we will be offering the children a variety of paint and collage pieces to make their own poppies. This aids our Understanding of the World and Expressive Art and Design skills. To mark Divali/Diwali the children will be making lamps using salt dough and then decorating them. We will also be making Scotland flags for St Andrews day. We now have a story board which we will change monthly; we will look at the story throughout the month with the children to encourage our Literacy, listening and communication skills. This month is Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson. If your child has a favourite



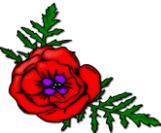
story; please let us know and we could incorporate it into our story board.

### Seashells

Seashells would like to welcome Harriet and Kiera to the seashells room. We are sure you are making lots of new friends and enjoying the exciting opportunities our room has to offer.



This month we will be focussing on our Understanding of the World and our Expressive Art and Design skills. We will be using our creative skills and fine motor skills to create some effective pictures for fireworks night. We will be talking about different colours, shapes and textures as we explore and choose different materials and resources. We will be marking Remembrance Day with poppies that we will make from a variety of different media which incorporates the characteristics of effective learning such as choosing our own resources, making links and being proud of our achievements after persevering with the task. Our maths skills will be enhanced as we count, size and sort the different poppies we create and our PSED skill will come into play as we talk about our feelings.



### Starfish



In the Starfish room this November we are talking about Autumn and why the leaves fall off the trees. We have been collecting leaves and laminating them to decorate our windows. For Bonfire night we will be making fireworks and pictures using our Art and Design skills to recreate the effect of a firework when it explodes. In our tactile tray this Autumn we have conkers and acorns as we introduce early mathematical concepts such as sorting and counting to five. To celebrate Remembrance Day we are going to make poppies and talk about why the day is so important to us - this enhances our Understanding of the World, and to



celebrate Diwali we will be using different coloured sand to make Rangoli patterns, drawing our hands and talking about the meaning of Diwali. To mark St Andrew's day we will be making a Scottish flag and tasting some traditional Scottish food! Now the weather is getting colder and wetter, can we ask all parents to please ensure children have a change of clothes in a named bag, waterproof trousers, coats and wellington boots in nursery.

### Preschool



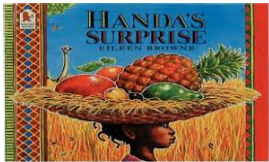
Our topic this month remain as Autumn, with several themes relating to the various festivals this month. We have enjoyed developing our Understanding of the World and EAD skills by exploring the garden and collecting leaves for leaf rubbing and leaf printing as well as looking for spider webs in the dew. The children enjoy ticking off such items on their clipboards as they find them! We are engaging our Maths skills as we sort and count conkers, acorns, leaves and pine cones in our Autumn boxes and using our Autumn talking box to encourage Communication and Language skills. The Autumn talking box, which we made ourselves, has a variety of different materials within designed to aid talking and understanding - one activity being a feely bag filled with different autumnal items which the children have to describe and guess by touch alone! We will be



marking Remembrance Day by making a poppy display from a variety of materials, acknowledging Bonfire night with a firework display from paint, glitter and kitchen tubes and Diwali by making clay Diva lamps. We will be using our fine motor skills and characteristics of effective learning to make our own Rangoli patterns by choosing our own resources, persevering with the task and being proud of our efforts. We will extend the maths concept by discussing shape and colour. This also incorporates our EAD skills and expands our Understanding of the World. We will be marking St Andrew's Day with a flag made by using our teamwork and creative skills!



**Role play area** The children have chosen their role play based on their interests and this time it will be a fruit and vegetable shop. We will incorporate Maths, Understanding the World and PSED skills as we talk about the different fruits and use money in our till to pay for our shopping, taking turns to be the cashier or the customers.



**Book of the Month** Our book of the month is Handa's surprise which links in nicely to our role play area. We will be taste testing different fruits and making fruit kebabs as well as making our own story sack puppets from wooden spoons!

**Letter of the Week** Letter of the week, which is a strong part of our Literacy development, commences Monday 2nd November with R, followed by S,T and U the following weeks. Any items beginning with these letters each week are gratefully received and used on our theme table. This **parent partnership** is not to be underestimated as bringing in items from home greatly encourages the children's confidence and sense of self-worth when they have something to show and tell at circle time.



**Interests and achievements 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.

**Colour of the Week** The children themselves decide the colour each week, so please do take time to note the colour of the theme table in first room in the corner and encourage your child to find something of this colour and again, bring it in to talk about at circle time. We will be enabling effective learning by choosing our own media and materials to create collages of that colour, making links to letter of the week and encouraging unwilling children to 'have a go' by using our EAD skills to aid some colour mixing! Last month we focussed on all the Autumn colours and have already chosen red, brown, orange and yellow.



**Donations** We are always grateful to receive any donations to help with our topics! This month we are asking for kitchen roll tubes to enable us to make a firework display.

## Reminders

- We ask you leave a bag of **named** spare clothes for the inevitable accident or spillage and a raincoat (or ideally an all-in-one) on your child's peg every day - we really do struggle to find spare coats and hats for children when the weather invariably changes throughout the day! Thank you.
- 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. Each month you will receive a "Next Steps" slip of paper, which informs you what topic and areas of learning we are covering each month and how you can further aid his or her learning to complement what we are doing at nursery.
- We ask that you ensure we have your up to date contact details in case we need to contact you in an emergency. It can be distressing for a child who is poorly if there is a delay in reaching you. Please can you ensure the office is informed of any new telephone numbers as soon as possible? Thank you.

## Dates for your diaries

- ❖ **Children in Need - Friday 13th November** Please come in wearing your pyjamas with your best bed hair! There will be donation tins around the nursery and we will be baking cakes for our cake sale 
- ❖ **Buckden Christmas Lights celebration- Sunday 29th November 2-5pm**  
Buckden are holding a Christmas lights switch on celebration with lots of entertainment and stalls, including a visit from Father Christmas
- ❖ **Preschool Parent consultations** will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 5.30 and 7.00. Please look out for appointment times which will be going up on the pre-school door later this month.
- ❖ **Preschool Church Christmas Service-** Walk to the church for the Christmas service: Date to be confirmed. 
- ❖ **Our pre-school Christmas concert** is booked for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December between 3.30 and 5.00pm at the Millennium hall, with an option for tea for those who require it at the nursery afterwards.
- ❖ **Nursery Christmas Closure:**  
Christmas Eve closing at 4pm  
Closed between Christmas and New Year  
The Nursery will Re-open Monday 4th January 2016