



Buckden Day Nursery Newsletter



October 2018

We are well and truly moving into autumn now and everyone has been enjoying the new opportunities this change in season has to offer. Please can we remind you all of our email address in case you would like to send across any photos of the autumn activities you have been taking part in at home!

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You may have noticed that we are updating some of our allergy and health information within the nursery and we would be grateful if you could complete a health care form if your child has any existing medical conditions. These forms can be collected from any member of staff but please speak to the office if you have any questions.

We are thrilled to announce that Cherye has been offered the very exciting opportunity of managing our new setting in Hilton. We will be very sad to see her go but wish her luck! Grace will remain in the office and you will be seeing a little bit more of Keeley as she pops in and out for some keeping in touch days. We are also very happy to welcome Hayley back to Starfish room following her maternity leave 😊

Kitchen

Please could we remind parents if they would like to request a birthday cake for their child, Susan requires **at least 1 week's notice**. This is due to the dietary requirements of other children in the nursery, making sure there is cake for all! There are a range of flavours including chocolate, vanilla, orange and strawberry and the cost of a birthday cake is £5! There are request forms available on the information shelf next to the stairs and gate to Preschool/Goldfish.

Tiddlers & Seahorses

Tiddlers and Seahorses have had a busy few weeks welcoming our new friends into nursery. We have been showing our new friends all of our wonderful toys and activities.

During October we will be continuing to encourage our love for physical development inside and outside with activities to support our gross motor skills such as using our slides and tunnels and push-along toys.



We have enjoyed and will continue to explore our tactile tray with various sensory items. This month, we will be exploring autumn with leaves, twigs, and conkers and pine cones. For Halloween, our babies will be encouraged to explore the insides and outsides of pumpkins along with other orange items. Our tactile play provides lots of sensory stimulation along with promoting fine motor skills and lots of opportunities to encourage and develop our communication and language.



We have had fun developing our expressive arts and design development by conker rolling and vegetable printing in different colour paints. We will be following this in to October as we have had so much fun!

Goldfish

As autumn has now arrived, this month in Goldfish we will be exploring with lots of our natural items and incorporating them into our daily activities. We will be using the conkers we collected out on our walk last month to do some conker rolling, and printing with some pine cones. We will also be collecting some leaves and sticks whilst we are out exploring in the garden and using our senses to explore them further in our tactile tray and use them to create some autumnal pictures.



The children are also still really interested in transport at the moment and loving to play with the new car track we have made so we will also be continuing to extend on this.

We hope you have all noticed and like our new photo board above the children's drawers in our cloakroom, please keep a look out for pictures of your children to see what they are getting up to at nursery as we will be rotating them monthly.



Seashells

During the month of October, Seashells will be doing lots of different activities to cover autumn including Halloween. We are beginning the month to mark Harvest we will be doing some fruit and veg printing. We will talk to the children about the different types of fruit and veg they are using to print with and talk about where they come from. We will then also have some different fruit and veg in our kitchen role play area for the children to explore and pretend to make different things with.



To mark the beginning of autumn we are going to make some autumn pictures with leaves, sticks and other autumn objects such as conkers. We will also have a tactile tray available for the children to explore filled with leaves, sticks, conkers, acorns and any other autumnal items that the seashell children bring in from home with their homework. The children will be able to explore this tray and will be encouraged to talk about the different things they can feel such as the 'round conkers', the 'crunchy leaves' or the 'long sticks'. To extend this further we are going to be making different playdoh throughout the month so the children can use the Autumnal objects to make different things such as trees with the sticks in the playdoh. All of these activities will allow the children to develop in many areas including their social skills, their understanding of the world, their communication skills, their art and design and also their maths skills.



We are also going to continue to explore colours over autumn with a focus on the more autumnal colours such as orange, dark green, brown and red. To explore these colours, we will be doing some shaving foam painting to allow the children to watch what happens when they attempt to pipe out the shaving foam when it mixes with paint. We are also going to explore colours with balloons, in a slightly different way this time without them having to go POP. By developing more understanding of colours the children are going to be developing in many areas including art and design, communication and language and also their understanding of the world.



When it comes to Halloween we have some spooky activities planned including a tactile tray filled with the insides of pumpkins, spiders and other creepy crawlies. We also have some mark making activities planned however we are going to leave these as a **SURPRISE** till the end of the month for all the parents to see. The Halloween activities provides exploration and invites creativity to the children where they will develop their understanding of the world, their art and design skills as well as their literacy and maths skills.



Starfish

What's happening in **Starfish** this month?

As the weather is turning colder and the nights are getting darker the children have been noticing that the leaves are turning different colours, brown, yellow, orange and red, we will be talking about what happens in autumn to the trees and plants and animals to increase the children's knowledge about their environment.



Our new children who have come from seashells have all settled in well in starfish, as we are getting to know them they are getting to know the practitioners and their keyworker.

It's important that your child makes a strong bond with their keyworker it not only helps the child if they are unsettled but also the practitioner to assess their key children's abilities.

Our letter of the month is **B** and our colour is **blue** our shape is **circle** our book of the month is **The Blue Balloon** this month we are going to be completing activities to correspond with our letter of the month **B**, we will be using our physical skills (fine motor) to dip bubble wands to make **big and small bubbles**, we will be using our gross motor skills for **bouncing balls** outside in the garden. We will be completing counting activities to further the children's mathematical abilities using bug jars and sticky bugs, we also have some interesting sensory play activity's lined up for investigation and exploration.

Halloween is fast approaching at the end of the month and we know how the children love anything to do with creepy crawlies, so we will be making some salt spiders webs and we will be getting arty with orange paint to make pumpkin prints, they will be using their physical skills using hammers to bang in golf tees into pumpkins, plus various other creepy activities.



Parents please note out parent noticeboard at the top of the stairs for any important information that needs to be passed on.

As the weather is turning colder can we please ask for wellies for your child and a waterproof if possible, and please name the items we hate it just as much as you when items go missing.

All items from home for our interest table at the top of the stairs are gratefully received.



Thank you for your support, Starfish practitioners: Joanne, Wendy, Hayley, Abbie and Hanna.

Preschool



Hello!

Hello again, we hope you and your child are feeling settled in preschool! We have placed great emphasis on getting to know one another through “all about me” activities which is displayed on the board before the preschool door, and we have been spending quality time at both morning and afternoon circle times greeting each other, having the opportunity to show/tell something and using our interactive routine display to understand what’s happening each morning and afternoon. This has helped the children understand time frames when they may be missing their mummy’s, daddy’s and extended family.

What’s New?

Our **letter of the week** display in the dining room is allowing children to explore objects beginning with the letter sound! Since starting our letter of the week activities we are over the moon with the response from you and your child in bringing in objects beginning with the letter! It is really beneficial for the children as an introductory to letter sounds. The children have the opportunity to use the magnetic letters to explore on the white board and explore items in the basket that children have bought in from home, along with the letter book.

Our **finger gym** has been updated with an autumn theme, encouraging the children to use tweezers to collect conkers and place the correct amount on the numbers. This helps develop their fine motor skills which improve their pencil grip.



Our **self registration tree** has been very popular with the children. We have provided a photo of the child one side and their name the other. If children show an interest to their letters in their name, or maybe you



have recognised it at home before we have in the setting, Let us know so we can remove the photo to challenge their thinking.

Our **wellington storage** has worked really well with it now being alongside the train under covered! Thank you to all families for providing wellingtons!

In preschool, we are currently working on a toolbox toolkit to use during their group time to encourage the children who need a little extra support in self confidence and language - bear with us as we implement this into our practice.

What’s next?

We will also be looking at the letters and sounds of **D, E, F, G, and H** through a



range of books, group time discussions and adult led activities. Please keep your eyes peeled for the home learning sheets to get involved!

Autumn is creeping in as the sun doesn't want to leave us just yet and we will be exploring what autumn has to offer! We will be sending home some autumn nature trails bags for you and your child to collect when out and about. Look out for leaves, conkers, conker shells, pinecones etc. In preschool we love having natural objects to support their development and we will use them in a wide variety of activities.



SPOOKTACULAR STAY & PLAY!



In preschool, we would like to invite you to a stay and play Halloween special. We will be holding this across a few days being Tuesday 30th October, Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November. We will be holding this between 2 and 3pm. We will provide a range of activities for you and your child to explore/ create! Come along, join the fun, get messy, get creative then go, and we will tidy up and carry on the day!

Please let the staff members know if you wish to attend any of the three sessions! Invites to follow...please check your child's folders for the invitation and a copy will be provided on the door!

If this proves popular then we will organise a Christmas stay and play also!

Reminders!

- If your child has developed a specific interest at home/over the weekend please let us know so as a key worker we can extend their learning and development.
- Please can we remind parents that our preschool doors open from 8:00. Feel free to wait outside the door whilst the staff members make sure the room is ready and inviting for a warm welcome!

That's it for now!

Thank you for reading; we're excited for what the next month holds for learning, exploration and creativity. If you have any queries, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help you 😊

From Sophie, Kim, Elicia and Jordan.

Thank you, that's all for this month!