



Buckden Day Nursery Newsletter



November 2018

Thank you for the lovely autumn photos you have all been sending to us. The children have enjoyed looking at their photos and talking about what they have been doing at home. Thank you also to all who attended our Preschool stay and play session. I hope you will agree it was huge success and we are looking forward to offering another round of sessions closer to Christmas.

Congratulations to Kirsty who will be stepping up to take on the role of Deputy Manager now that Cherye has commenced her role at Hilton Day Nursery. Please do not hesitate to speak to Grace, or Kirsty, if you have any queries or concerns.

We are looking forward to welcoming Sharon back this month as she returns from her maternity leave. She will be working once more in the Seahorse room 😊

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**, 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 Seahorse have had a busy October going on lots of autumn walks around the village and helping to collect leaves, conkers, pine cones and twigs to use to make marks to decorate our autumn display board.



During the month of November, Tiddlers and the Seahorse children will be continuing to explore autumn using our conkers, leaves and pine cones we have collected. We will be exploring the insides and outsides of pumpkins in our tactile tray using our senses to explore.



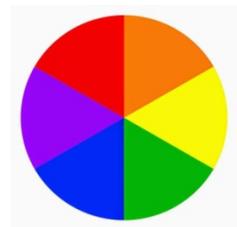
During November, there are many festivals such as Bonfire night, Diwali, International Children's Day, Remembrance Sunday and St Andrews Day. To celebrate Bonfire night the children will be given the chance to use a range of resources such as glitter and straws to explore and create their own sparkling firework pictures, this promotes expressive arts and design and our fine motor skills. To encourage the children to celebrate Remembrance Sunday, the babies will be given the opportunity to explore a wide range of red objects such as leaves and flowers and various red mark making materials.

We would like to continue building on our literacy skills by offering the babies a range of different stories and books to look at freely throughout the day and singing many familiar nursery rhymes during their time at nursery and teaching the children the actions to songs also.

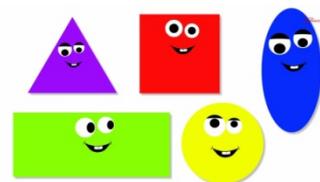
The baby room ladies have been beginning to make some changes to the outdoor baby garden and the children have responded brilliantly to these changes such as some new sensory tyres have been added including sand, stones and diggers and a range of sensory plants. The children seem to have benefitted from these small changes that have been made so far and we hope to continue to make changes to the outdoor enabling environment to benefit each individual child's learning and development

Goldfish

This month in Goldfish, as the children are really enjoying colours and numbers at the moment, we are going to be concentrating on our maths skills, including puzzles, colours, numbers and shapes. We will be practising lots with our puzzles and shape sorters and be looking at books and singing songs that encourage numbers and colours. As the children are also enjoying the sensory experiences in the tactile tray at the moment we will be having lots of fun exploring in there with lots of different activities including water beads, mixing paints to create lots of different colours and exploring with different shapes, using them to create our own pictures with paint and printing them into different messy play such as shaving foam and gloop and looking at the different shape marks we have made.



Also during November we will be developing our understanding of the world, marking Bonfire night by creating firework pictures and exploring with lots of different coloured rice in the tactile tray and Children in Need by using lots of different resources to create our own interpretations of Pudsey bear.



Seashells

During the month of November, Seashells will be doing lots of creative activities to extend their imagination and gross motor skills.

To start the month we will be exploring Bonfire night by getting very messy and creative to produce our own firework display pictures. This will help to use our expressive arts and design skills, whilst showing awareness to fireworks and Bonfire night.



We will also be learning about Remembrance Day by exploring books at circle time, alongside our peers, which will help develop our communication skills. Following on, we will be creating our own poppies using a range of materials which will enhance our understanding of the world.



During November, we will be focusing on numbers and developing our counting skills through a range of child led activities both indoors and out.

Reminder: Please can we remind all parents to provide your child with an all-in-one, coat, hat and a pair of wellies now the colder weather has arrived.

Thank you,

Kirsty, Katie and Clare

Starfish news

Autumn is here and winter is fast approaching, our starfish children have been talking about the changes in seasons, we have been on walks and gathered some autumnal leaves as well as acorns to talk about on our return.



Home learning:

Our home learning this month will include a season tree with everything the children need to create at home. Any photos of them creating it would be lovely, where we can display on our notice board. We hope they enjoy making it with you.

What's new?



We will be starting our wow board this month for your child's achievements - big and small. The wows will be kept for you to help yourself on our notice board just outside the dining room. We feel these are very important to give your child a sense of self worth. Please ask any starfish staff member if you are unsure.

As from W/C 5th November, our weekend Bear will be available to take home, for the children to share their adventures whether it is staying at home or going away. Please let a starfish member know if you are interested in taking him home.

Each month in starfish we have a new letter of the month in which we encourage the children to bring something in to display on our letter table and to show their friends at circle time, so we ask for parents help to make it a success, our letter this month is Cc: we will be covering various activities beginning with this letter, we find this helps greatly with the children's learning.



Our shape this month is: Triangle

Our book of the month is :Where the Poppies now grow This is a very child friendly book and is proving popular with the children we will include lots of remembrance day activities to aid your Child's learning . To mark the day, our colour will be **Red**.

Fireworks



We will be talking about the significance of the celebration, lots of different activities will be planned such a firework sensory, transient art including loose parts. All of which will encourage lots of expressive language.

Watch out for our fantastic transient art creations for both topics, the Starfish children have already shown great interest in these open ended activities

Important

Could we ask that parents remember Named all in ones, coats and wellies please.

Thank you Joanne, Wendy Abbie Hayley & Hanna

Preschool



Hello!

Hello, October has been busy with the children exploring all things autumn, we hope you had fun collecting objects on your autumn scavenger hunt - we loved seeing your pictures and they are displayed on our autumn board in our play room, feel free to have a look and see what else we have been doing to do with autumn. We also hope you enjoyed our Spooky Stay & Play session - we will be organising a Christmas one also.

In preschool, the children have enjoyed the activities based on the letter of the week. To extend their learning, we recap every day on the letter using books, flash cards and objects that you bring in from home! Please continue to provide us with objects and books!

What's New?

Our talking toolbox has just started and the children are enjoying exploring the objects and describing what they can see, feel and smell. The children are also linking the objects to past experience which is developing their speech and self confidence skills.



Our topic themed tactile tray has been very popular in October allowing the children to explore conkers, pinecones, leaves and acorns with some small world figures with acorn hats 😊. The children have also enjoyed the Halloween tray filled with orange rice, mini pumpkins and creepy crawlies. This sensory exploration engages children with what they can feel, see and smell along with engaging in role play alongside their peers where they represent their experiences through play.

Our reading area has recruited a pallet sofa for the children to sit and look at books independently, with friends or with a key worker/carer. It's covered with a soft blanket and cushions to make it feel like home!

What's Next?



We have a busy November with lots of celebrations and festivals happening which are important to base activities on to extend the children's knowledge on the world around them. We will be looking at Bonfire/Fireworks night, Diwali - the Hindu festival of light, Remembrance Day and Road Safety Week.



We have recently received our Christmas Nativity song book for our Christmas play. We can tell you that our play will be on **Friday 14th December**. At this present time we are just playing the CD so we can all start to learn the words, soon we will allocate characters to the children. In the next week or so, there will be a poster providing information on the Christmas Play including time, location and what character your child has been allocated and all we ask is for you to supply a costume. If anyone would like a song sheet to practice at home, please ask a member of staff to provide you with one. We will make this experience as fun as possible and is mainly a song based nativity as we all love to sing!

We are going to be holding a **parents evening** in the last week of November, week commencing 26th. We will provide time sheets on the white board as you enter the preschool room to book your appointment with your child's key worker. If you are unable to make the dates provided then please let your child's key worker know and we will make other arrangements. Also, we will hold another parents evening around June to summarise their development before starting school. The summary sheets we provide will be useful for their reception teacher at the school they will be attending.

Reminders:

- Please could you provide your child with a hat, scarf and gloves to store in their bags as the weather is changing! Brrrrr.
- If your child has developed a specific interest at home/over the weekend please let us know so their key worker can extend their learning and development.

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

That's all for now, thank you for your continued support!