



Buckden Day Nursery Newsletter



September 2019

Thank you to all parents who took part in our 2019 questionnaire. We really appreciate your time and comments. Feedback can be found beside the signing in laptop. Please do not hesitate to speak to the office if you have any further comments or queries.

We have been spending some time working on our outdoor environment and are excited by the new additions of our pallet car and water wall! Unfortunately, the placement of our sails had to be delayed following the high winds in August. We hope to have them in place and ready for Spring when the hot weather returns.

Parent Partnerships

At Buckden, we want to engage as many parents as possible to encourage learning at home with what we do at nursery. We have implemented a Parent Partnership station next to the sign-in laptop is situated.

Our current parent partnership activity is Beach Nature Hunt! We have provided bags with a checklist for you and your child/children to help yourself to and if you venture to the beach over the coming weeks then please take your bag and a camera to snap some photos! This is a great learning opportunity and sensory experience for all ages, developing many areas of learning and even better when doing it together.

Send us some photos to our email at info@buckden-day-nursery.co.uk

Kitchen

We will be starting our Autumn menu on the 30th September. Susan works hard to plan well balanced and nutritious meals for the children. Meals will include: lamb moussaka, chicken and sweet corn lasagne, vegetable curry, lemon drizzle cake and coconut crunch.



Please could we remind parents if they would like to request a birthday cake for their child, Susan requires at least 1 week notice, due to the dietary requirements of other children in the nursery, making sure there is cake for all!

The cost of a birthday cake is £5 and a choice of chocolate or vanilla sponge. There are request forms available where the information leaflets are outside Tiddler's and Seahorse.



Tiddlers & Seahorses

We would like to welcome all babies who have started their journey with us. They have all been amazing with settling in and getting used to the routine.

During the month of September, we will be focusing on some festivals and celebrations from around the world. To celebrate "Rosh Hashana" we are going to be using apples to print and make marks with on paper, along with exploring fruit and vegetables in the home corner.



We are also going to be exploring Harvest Festival by providing tactile trays of different cereals then creating pictures, sticking with glue.



The babies have shown a huge interest in the diggers in the garden, as well as the different balls. We will be expanding on those learning interests inside as well as outside to extend learning. We will also be using our baby garden to help develop the determination of some of our babies wanting to stand, walk and climb.

Please could we ask that all children's personal items are named. We have found that stickers are the most effective way to name items such as bottles, comforters and shoes.

Thank you for your continued support!

Classes:

We are now offering Hartbeeps sessions for Tiddler, Seahorse and Goldfish children on Wednesday afternoons at 2.15pm. The cost of this half-term (September 12th - October 17th) will be £21 and all payments are to be made in cash directly to the nursery. If you have any questions, then please speak to a member or staff.

Goldfish

We would like to welcome the new children who have transitioned across from Seahorse! They have settled in well, forming relationships and adapting to new routine.

In goldfish, we like to display family photo's as a way of portraying a home from home feeling for the children. If you haven't done so already, please could you provide us with a family photo to display in our goldfish room, thank you.



The children have taken a huge interest to the farm recently. We will continue to develop this interest through a range of activities including farm sounds activity, tactile exploration e.g. Hay, rice, sand, weetabix, water etc.



Our home learning activity this month is family handprints on a piece of A4 paper. When returned we will be putting them up on display and discussing colours and sizes. Please write names of family members under.

We have a new whiteboard up on the wall outside goldfish and preschool. Please check the board for reminders of more nappies, wipes and other essentials.

Seashells

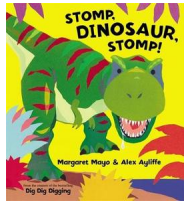
Welcome to all new seashells children who have settled into the room really well. All children have adapted to their new room really well, making relationships and understanding boundaries and routines.

We are going to be doing lots of dinosaur activities to develop our communication skills, our counting and turn taking. We are going to be getting creative using different media to create our own dinosaur's pictures to display in the room.

We are also going to be exploring dinosaurs through a range of tactile exploration and listening to the sounds as they stomp on the materials. This will develop our fine motor skills and our gross motor skills



In the garden we are going on a dinosaur hunt to see how many dinosaurs we can find and catch and to also look at what colour they are. This will encourage team work and communication.



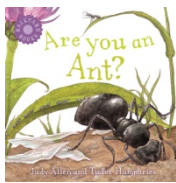
Our book of the month will also be based on dinosaurs and we encourage your child to bring in dinosaurs books also to share with everyone else.

Starfish

Firstly we would like to welcome the new Seashells children into starfish, they are already beginning to settle and we hope they continue to enjoy their Journey with us.



As we have started a new school year we will be starting with the letter “A, a” for letter of the month. Each month we plan and carry out activities based on the letter to enhance the recognition of letters.



To link with our letter of the month, we also have book of the month which is “Are you an ant?” Within the month we will be developing interest around the book including a range of activities and home learning opportunities to continue the learning at home.

The colour we are focusing on is **green**, along with our shape focus being a square. We use a treasure box in circle times to discuss colours and shapes giving the children opportunities to talk about things they can relate to being green or a square shape.

Our new interest table is filled with animals coinciding with our letter of the month. During September we will also provide alphabet soup, apple pie tray and apple jelly playdough.



Could we also ask that all spare clothes bags be named as well the clothes inside to prevent any confusion.

If there are any parents looking for a new pet, Sid the snail is looking for a new home. Please ask any of the starfish team if you would like him.

Thank you for your support

Joanne, Wendy, Abbie, Hayley & Hanna

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We are now offering Hartbeeps sessions for Seashell and Starfish children on Thursday afternoons at 2.15. The cost of this half term (September 12th - October 17th) will be £21 and all payments are to be made in cash directly to the nursery. If you have any questions then please speak to a member or staff.

Preschool



Hello!

We'd like to welcome all of our new children into preschool who will be with us until they leave for school next year. They are settling in so well, adapting to new routine, following our rules and getting to know each other as part of our "all about me" month.



What's New?

Everything will seem new as you have joined us in preschool. Just to recap, we have three rooms full of interesting resources and a variety of activities to participate in. We also have an undercover outdoor area with a wooden train on which is used daily.

We start out letter of the week on 16th September. Each week we send home a home learning sheet for you and your child to find items or take pictures of things that begin with "A". We then discuss this in circle time, along with phonics flash cards, iPad games and books based on each letter.



Our home learning bag activity based on "all about me" were sent home at the start of the month, encouraging your child to find 4 things that are special to them to share with the rest of the group at circle time. This will help their self confidence and communication skills.

What's Next?



We have teamed up with Usborne books to take part in a sponsored listen to raise money for books in preschool. In each of your child's folder should be an information sheet, listening minutes log and sponsorship form. Simply track

how many books your child listens to during Monday 16th and Friday 20th and ask friends and family to sponsor your child. Once all sponsors are back we will then send it off to the Usborne representative who gives us vouchers to spend online. Last year the preschool class raised over £100 which allowed us to buy books for that amount. So let's get listening...

In preschool we carry out Stay and Plays as an opportunity to invite parents and other family members in to preschool to play alongside your child, engaging in what we do every day. Our first one will be a spooky stay and play, date to be confirmed. I will send out an invite as paper for their folders and on Family. All we ask is that you confirm your attendance with a member of staff.

Just for additional information, we will also do a Christmas stay and play, a Christmas musical play (over at the village hall) and a church visit for Christmas and Harvest. We are always invited to Buckden Primary school to watch the reception class in their play too.



Classes:

Amazing kids starts on Thursday 12th September. You should have received a message regarding this class and payment. It is on for 5 weeks, the first session (12th) is a trial session for anyone not done it before.

We are also looking into a basic football session planned and delivered by Sophie as an experienced women's football player and currently a coach for an U7's team. We will contact you for interest if this is something we can accommodate for.

Reminders:

- Wellington boots and wetsuits to be provided and to stay at preschool.
- 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 within the setting.

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, Cally and Lauren