



# September Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

Throughout August the children in Preschool have been learning about nature in summer. They have explored a range of natural materials that can be found in our environment during the summer months. They have used these natural materials to print, make collages and to make a fairy garden. They have also learnt about the seaside, including what animals can be found on the sand and in the sea and talked about how we can look after our beaches. They have also talked about the changes in weather and what we need to do to protect ourselves from the sun such as putting on sunscreen, wearing sunhats and sunglasses. They have been out on a few trips to explore our local community and see how the environment changes in summer.

**Calpol** - Please be aware that if your child is unwell and unable to take part in normal activities and require Calpol/Ibuprofen to do so they should not attend the setting. A temperature indicates that your child is fighting an infection and medication can mask the temperature. If your child has been advised by a GP to take calpol alongside any other medication then a medication form will need to be filled in. If your child has just had their immunisations a dose of calpol if fine.

**School Gates** - A reminder that when the school reopens on Tuesday 3rd September, the school gates will be closed between the hours of 8.15am and 4.30pm. Please remember that during these hours, the carpark is for school staff, Toy Box staff and SOS staff only. Also please remember that parking on the yellow zigzags and at the bottom of the school drive is prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Toddler Room

This month the toddlers have been exploring and learning about Minibeasts. They have been on bug hunts in the garden, made colourful butterfly pictures and used small world toys to create a bug hotel. They have learnt about the colours of the insects, counted legs and wings and also developed their fine motor skills by using tweezers in a spider web game to collect the spiders in the web.

## Baby Room

The babies have been exploring the colours of summer and the sea. They have explored a sand sensory bin, yellow lemon scented water and painted with bright summer colours. They developed fine motor skills by pushing shells into playdough and developed gross motor skills in the water stations and sand pit in the garden. They have also enjoyed a wonderful lift the flap storybook about sea animals.

## Important Dates

11th Sept - Preschool parents evening

18th Sept - Baby and toddler room parents evening

24th September - Photographer

## Book & Rhyme of the month

Preschool: "The Lion Inside" by Rachel Bright. Rhyme: "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow".

Toddlers: "Children like Me" Rhyme: "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow".

Babies: "One Little Leaf"

## Food From Home

Please can we ask that no food is brought from home including fruit. We have children that suffer from allergies and have strict measures in place to prevent reactions. We follow a sugar smart menu that supports healthy eating and good oral health ensuring that your child has healthy balanced meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables whilst at the nursery.

## Photographer

The photographer will be coming to nursery on Tuesday 24th September.

If your child/children would not normally attend nursery on that day and you would like them to have their photo taken, then please see Claire to arrange an appointment for you. Appointments can be arranged from 9.00am. If you would like siblings to attend, appointments will start from 8.00am before school starts.

## Birthdays

Ronnie 1st

Maggie 4th

Wren 9th

Arthur 17th

Toby 22nd

Jenson 29th

## Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Alexis Gilbert and Jessica Harmann to the team. Jessica comes to us an Early Years level 3 practitioner and Alexis is joining the team as a nursery apprentice to work towards her level 2 qualification.



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

The children in the pre school room are going to be learning about "All About Me" during September. At home you can talk about how we are all different by talking about eye, hair and skin colour. You could encourage your child to draw a picture of themselves asking them to choose the correct eye colour and hair colour. You could also talk about how different families are and talk about your own families. Talk about their favourite meals and get your child to help you make them. You could also talk about your child's favourite colour and paint a picture.

### Toddler room

The children in the toddler room are also going to be talking about the theme "All About Me". You can join in at home by looking in mirrors and talking about hair colour and eye colour and the length of their hair. You could also discuss about your child's favourite biscuits and bake them.

Measure your child and talk about how tall they are growing and keep measuring how big they are getting over time. You could also talk to your child about their favourite colours and draw pictures using their favourite colours.

### Baby Room

The babies are going to be learning about themselves and the world around them through sensory exploration. You can join in at home by exploring a variety of messy play activities such as dried cereals, water, natural objects or any other materials that provide a variety of textures.

You can also use mirrors so your child can see themselves. Play games such as finding eyes, nose and mouth, for older babies you could sing "head, shoulders knees and toes".

Going for a walk is a wonderful way for babies to experience and explore the world around them.

### Incy Wincey Spider

*Incy Wincey spider climbing up the spout,  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.  
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain,  
And Incy Wincey spider climbed up the spout again.*

### Next Month

During October The Pre School children will be reading "Owl Babies" by Martin Wardell  
And singing "Five Little Leaves".  
The Toddler Room will be reading "5 Little Pumpkins" by Ben Mantle and singing "Five Little Leaves".  
The Baby Room will be singing "Incy Wincey Spider".

### Five Little Leaves

**Five little leaves so bright and gay,**  
(hold up 5 fingers) Were dancing on a tree one day. (wiggle fingers) The wind came blowing through the town, (hold hands around mouth and blow) One leaf came tumbling down. (roll hands downward) Repeat the rhyme with 4 leaves, 3 leaves, 2 ...