



Newsletter: Term 2 2019



Welcome back!

Welcome to term 2, we have a fun packed term planned at Seashells Nursery this term.

Termly theme/topic

Our topics this term are 'Celebrations' and 'Winter Wonderland.' We will be finding out how different families and cultures celebrate various festivals including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. We will also investigate seasonal change and discuss places in the world with colder climates, animals and people in those environments.

Topic stories and events

Each week we will focus our adult supported activities on a different topic-based story. The stories we will look at include: Pumpkin Soup, Room on the Broom, the story of Rama and

Sita, Dear Santa, Little Robin Red Vest, Jesus' Christmas Party and Freddie and the Fairy.

Every day we gather in our Key Groups to work on a focus task such as a number activity, learning about feelings, language skills and phonics.

Each week we have Cara who comes in and provides children with an opportunity to join in with a 'Sing & Sign' session, this term we will be learning songs linked to our topic and will be performing a selection of them later in the term.

Thank you

A huge thank you to parents, carers and families for all your support in term 1.

The nursery donations are gratefully received and allow us to purchase additional resources. We also appreciate other donations received, we now have a well-stocked mud kitchen, which the children have been enjoying and plenty of supplies for our making area where the children have taken great pleasure in using recycled materials for junk modelling and have placed some items in our outside 'shop.'

Our Macmillan cake sale raised an amazing £125.40 for such a worthy cause. Your delicious cake baking and generous donations were appreciated.

It was lovely to see such a huge audience during our Nursery Rhyme Challenge, the children certainly enjoyed learning the songs and performing. Thank you for your generosity in sponsoring the children; through this we have been able to provide new role play resources. We are looking into additional equipment to enhance physical development.

We have received plenty of orders for our Christmas Fundraiser too, which will keep us busy! Orders were due at the end of last term, however if you were unable to get this in to us and do not want to miss out we do have a limited number of extra photo frames and calendars, please speak to a member of staff about ordering them.

Cooking and cakes

This term we would like to cook with children more regularly. In order to share what we have made and evaluate our cooking we would like to eat together at the end of the session.

Many families also bring in cake for children's birthdays, we would like to celebrate the child's birthday by singing and eating cake together as a group at the end of the session. If you would prefer your child not to participate in eating their cooking or birthday cake in the session please let us know. Also, please make sure we are aware of any dietary requirements or allergies.

Children's Trays

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S TRAY!

This is the easiest way for us to ensure every child receives a copy of a letter as we have so many children attending various sessions, so please check regularly for any communications.

Taking books home

The benefits of reading with young children can often be overlooked. Reading to your child can help them develop across many areas, which include promoting an interest in books and the love of reading, language and vocabulary and an understanding of the world. Please see attached leaflet for further information and ideas. As part of our key group time children will have the opportunity to choose a book to take home for a week. This will need to be brought back the following week so that your child can swap it for another book of their choice.



Remember:

- Children will be playing outside in all weathers, so please make sure they have suitable clothing including a warm waterproof jacket. Please provide a change of clothes too.
- We have some spare wellies in nursery- we would recommend sending some in with your child on particularly wet days. If you have any old wellies your child has outgrown these would be of great use to us to add to the collection of spares!
- Please label all items of clothing, we try to get all lost items back to their rightful owners but sometimes we do not remember which items belong to which child.

Links with home

We have established our 'families' display, please provide a family photo to add to our display if you have not yet done so. Children have really enjoyed sharing these with their friends.

Wowchers: We would love to hear about the children's special achievements from home such as riding their bike, getting dressed, using the toilet or trying new foods. This could be anything that is a "Wow" moment for your child, including noticing door numbers or car number plates or having a go at writing the shopping list! We send home some Wowchers in trays for you to write when you have a Wow moment and bring in so we can celebrate this in nursery.

Open Day

We are holding an open day on Saturday 16th November at 10am for new children who may like to join Seashells in the future. Please share this date with any families who may be interested in a place.

*Thank you for your continued support,
The Seashells Nursery Team*

Diary Dates

More information to follow about specific events

- Children in Need Dress Up Day: Fri 15th Nov
 - Parent Consultations: 2nd-6th Dec, please look out for sign up sheets.
 - Trip to A Bundle of Books: Date to be confirmed
 - Christmas Sing Along: Thurs 12th Dec 10.45am
 - Christmas Jumper Day: Fri 13th Dec
 - Christmas Parties: Fri 13th Dec (morning) & Tues 17th Dec (afternoon)
 - Christmas Sing Along Trip: Date TBC
 - Last Day of Term 2: Weds 18th Dec
 - Start of Term 3: Mon 6th Jan
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