



Term 4 Newsletter

Welcome Back

It has been another very strange year and we hope you are all well. We are really looking forward to welcoming back all our Seashells families in the coming weeks. We hope you have found our home learning ideas useful and if your child has been attending nursery it should give you an idea of the activities we have been doing- if you have not seen our planning sheets, they are available each week on the website.

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A huge thank you for your support during our Christmas Fundraiser- this enabled us to purchase some exciting new resources for nursery including traffic lights, a large gazebo ready for Spring/Summer and large bucket balance scales to enhance our gravel construction area.

The Gate

Just a reminder, Seashells parents should be queuing up to the right of the Arkley Road gate for drop off and collection as the path directly in front of the gate will be used by parents of Reception children. Unless your child requires settling support, we are still asking that parents do not go past the wooden 'Seashells' gate.

Termly theme/topic

Our topic this term is Transport and Vehicles. We will look at different types of transport, learn about road safety, go on a role play train journey, explore floating and sinking materials to make boats and take part in a treasure hunt.

Topic Stories

Each week we will focus some of our adult supported activities on a different topic-based story. The stories we will look at include: Duck in a Truck, The Train Ride, Mr Gumpy's Outing, Pirates Love Underpants and Whatever Next!

Children due to start school in September will also take part in daily phonics groups, where they will learn different sounds and begin to write the letters.

We also carry out observations each week with the children which you should be able to access on 'Evidence Me', if you are not receiving these please let us know so we can ensure your email address is linked. There is also the facility to add your own observations on here, it has been great to see what some of you have been busy doing during lockdown.

Family Photos

If your child is new to Seashells or you did not get a chance to send in a photo previously, please send in a family photo. These are being displayed on the wall in our Role Play Area and the children really enjoy looking at them and sharing them with their peers. Please put it in your child's bag or email it to us at: nursery@herne-bay.kent.sch.uk

Thank you!

World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday 4th March, to celebrate this occasion we will be having a 'sleepover' where children can come into nursery wearing their pyjamas or dressed as their favourite book character. We will bake cookies and have hot chocolate with a bedtime story, as well as opportunities to look at books and hear stories 1:1 across the week.

We are also continuing to do our book swap across the week, children will have an opportunity to choose a book which they can take home and read. We will be accepting book donations/returns as from 22nd March- if there is a book your child receives home and particularly enjoy, they are welcome to keep it and if there are books your child no longer reads and you would like to donate we will use these to replenish our 'Book Swap' stock.



Red Nose Day

For Red Nose Day this year (and to tie in with our topic) we will be dressing up as Pirates on Friday 19th March and taking part in a treasure hunt.

Easter/Spring Fundraisers and Activities

We have lots of exciting things planned in nursery for Easter including a sponsored bunny bounce, an Easter raffle, Spring Bonnet Parade and an Egg Hunt. We will send more information out about some of these events later in the term.

Raffle Prizes: If you would like to make a donation to our 'adult' or 'child' hampers, such as chocolates, wine or 'smellies' for the grown-ups or sweets or new / hardly used toys/ books / craft materials for the children's hamper please send this in by 26th March.

Keeping in Touch Phone Calls

Later this term we will be phoning all our nursery families just to let you know how your child has settled back in to nursery after the lockdown or how they have got on in nursery during the term. This is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have or talk to us about any issue.

Afternoon Session 2.45pm Collection Option

We understand that it can be difficult when picking up older children from schools at different times, so we offer an early 2.45pm collection option at the Arkley Road gate for those parents who need this. Please let us know if this would help you out as a regular collection time for your child.

General reminders

Termly donations- if you are able contribute a £3 donation each term, this would be greatly appreciated.

The donations go towards paying for consumable resources used for cooking, playdough, and the upkeep of our guinea pigs. Termly donations can be made via School Money. Should you require any assistance in accessing this, please contact the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Contacting us- We appreciate it can be difficult to speak to us on the gate about certain issues and this is a busy time of the day. If you need to speak to us about anything, please do call or e-mail us.

Communications- Unfortunately, we are still not able to invite parents in for our events, please look out for letters, e-mails or text messages with information about our events and how to get involved. We will also put a communication slip in your child's bag if they have had an accident or there is something we need to make you aware of.

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

Diary Dates

- World Book Day (PJ or Book Character Dress Up): Thursday 4th March
 - Pirate Dressing Up Day/Red Nose Day: Friday 19th March
 - Bunny Bounce: w/c Monday 22nd March
 - Easter Bonnet Parade: Wednesday 31st March
 - Term 4 finishes: Wednesday 31st March
 - Term 5 starts: Monday 19th April
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