



Heath Lane Nursery

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School News



This week in Nursery we introduced the children to our new drinking cups. They have been learning how to fill them to half full and how to wash them up after use. In the outdoor environment the children have been learning how to play safely with the sand in the sandpit. We look forward to the Woodpecker letters arriving back to Heath Lane by post!

Message from Federation Headteachers

This week Emma and Vicki put together a recorded presentation 'What goes on in the Nursery? We hop this presentation will demystify what happens during the session/day and clarify what your child/children do during their time in school. Click on the picture of the chain link to see the presentation!



Curriculum - Why we do what we do - Outdoor Learning

What we do at school

At Roots Federation we are committed to providing as many opportunities for children to learn outdoors as possible! We appreciate that playing outside beyond the school day has many potential barriers for some children. We are fortunate to be able to provide them with a safe outdoor space to do many things that cannot be replicated indoors; develop gross motor skills, experience different weathers, identify plants/trees/birds/minibeast, learn about growing, flying a kite, understand how to dress appropriately....the learning opportunities are endless and we embrace this!

How you can help at home:

We will always provide resources to keep your child safe in extreme weather conditions; waterproofs, wellies and sun lotion. You can support your child with safe outdoor play by ensuring that they always have a coat (no matter how the day starts!), sturdy shoes for running and climbing and to show the same passion and enthusiasm for outdoor learning that we do!

Sign of the Week

At the Nursery we teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued.

This week's sign is: To eat

Ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.







to eat

Information / Reminders

Home Learning Packs - Story Sacks / Busy Fingers

We are excited to announce that after the October Half Term we will start our home learning borrowing system. You will be able to borrow a story bag and a busy fingers pack once every three weeks.

- These bags/packs will be issued on **Thursdays** at the end of your child's session.
- Please return the bag/pack by the following **Tuesday**. Hand them to a member of staff or place them in the return's basket rather than placing them back on the trolleys as all items need to be checked before reissuing.

| | Busy Fingers Pack | Story Bag |
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| Thursday 2nd Nov | Owls & Robins | Butterflies & Woodpeckers |
| Thursday 9th Nov | Hedgehogs/Dormouse & Birch | Owls & Robins |
| Thursday 16th Nov | Butterflies & Woodpeckers | Hedgehogs/Dormouse & Birch |
| Thursday 23rd Nov | Owls & Robins | Butterflies & Woodpeckers |
| Thursday 30th Nov | Hedgehogs/Dormouse & Birch | Owls & Robins |
| Thursday 7th Dec | Butterflies & Woodpeckers | Hedgehogs/Dormouse & Birch |
| Thursday 14th Dec | No Issuing - Please return all packs and bags with their contents | |

DATES COMING UP:

Wednesday 18th October

- School Photographer is coming in to take individual pupil photographs available to order in due course, more details to follow.
- Week beginning the 23rd October:
 - Half term Holiday school closed to children

