

School News

This week a number of the groups have been discussing and learning about different life cycles. They have looked at the life cycle of frogs, plants etc. Some of the children have had the opportunity to plant seeds and then will watch them grow over the coming weeks. We had a very good selection of odd socks on Thursday to raise awareness of “World Down Syndrome Day“. There were lots of discussions around how everyone is different and they were told the story “Simon’s Sock“.



Message from Federation Leaders

At Roots Federation we pride ourselves with being highly inclusive and we welcome all children, supporting them through each developmental stage. Whilst they learn to communicate and regulate our staff offer support and guidance. However, children under 5 can struggle to control their emotions, communicate effectively and can express themselves very physically. We know that some children have been expressing themselves through biting others and this has worried a number of you. In response we have produced some information on biting (sent with this newsletter) which we hope you will find useful.



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Curriculum – Why we do what we do – Painting

What we do at school:

In our school, painting is one of the most popular activities! Painting offers a wide range of learning opportunities; our children love a messy, creative, and engaging experience! Through painting children can express themselves freely and imaginatively irrespective of age. At an early stage of development children can use wide paint brushes, sponges or their hands to experiment with paint, those with greater fine motor control move onto using brushes or finer tools to create patterns, improving hand-eye coordination and dexterity. Socially, painting can be collaborative and can develop communication skills when children paint alongside their peers. It is an activity that can be carried out indoors or out with painting outdoors facilitating creations on a larger scale or through different mediums such as mud-who doesn't love a mud painting!! Most importantly, painting cultivates a sense of pride and accomplishment, boosting self-esteem as children observe their creations taking shape. We love to display these unique masterpieces!



What you can do at home:

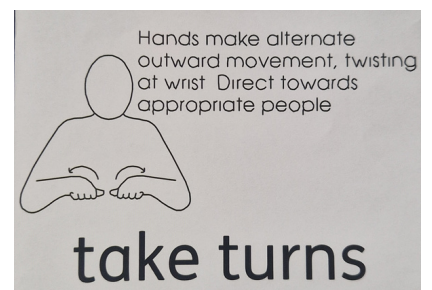
- Offer your child opportunities to paint at home-this could be ‘painting’ outdoors with water on a wall or indoors using paint and their fingers or a small brush.
- Keep a set of old ‘painting clothes’ so that your child can fully immerse themselves in the painting experience!

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: “Take Turns“

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



Reminders / Information

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY - THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

On Thursday we raised awareness of 'World Down Syndrome Day' by joining in the theme #LotsOfSocks! It was lovely to see so many of us wearing, odd socks, crazy socks for the day. There were planned activities to talk to children about celebrating difference and embracing diversity through the book 'Simon Sock!'



Thank you for helping us raise awareness!

BUTTON SURVEY RESULT

Thank you so much to taking the time to vote for whether you feel a sense of "Belonging" to our Nursery School. We are pleased to report that a majority of our families do feel a sense of "Belonging".



LOST PROPERTY & HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES

Next week we will be displaying any lost property and also the contents of our Hat Boxes. Now that the warmer weather is on its way we are hoping that any hats, scarves and gloves will not be needed after the Easter Holidays. Any items that have not been collected by the end of next Thursday we will be donating to charity/recycling.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

If your child has a Health Care Plan with us, copies will be being sent home next week for parents to review and update. This way we can ensure that we have the most up to date and accurate information (along with medication held in school).

REMINDER: WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL - WE HAVE CHILDREN AND STAFF WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DO NOT SEND IN ANY FOOD ITEMS WHICH MAY CONTAIN NUTS.



DATES;

- Nursery Closed for Easter Holidays - 29th March to 16th April 2024



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