

Hi Everyone

We hope you are enjoying the good weather in-between the rainy days! Rose our assistant manager who is on maternity leave at the moment has named her baby Olivia. Rose and Olivia will be popping into nursery some time this month. It will be lovely to see them! Some of the children will be settling into their new areas this month ready for September when they will move over permanently. To help prepare for this during the month we will create time lines from Smarties area upwards so that the children will have a sense of what to expect during the day at any particular time as well as what comes next. Children in pre school will work together with their carers to create class boundaries which will run alongside the 'high 5' behaviour boards. Behaviour such as good sitting and good listening will be promoted along with being kind to our friends and sharing etc. The children will also be rewarded with stickers for positive behaviour and achievements all of which help to give them a sense of purpose, help to promote confidence and a sense of belonging.


Our Topic at nursery for the Summer Term is.....

All About Me

The book for this month is:

Handras Surprise

Find out what we are up to on a daily basis by

following us on  TWITTER, search for swansyardley and Facebook. Or go to our nursery website and read our room blogs or learn about future events on www.littleswans.org.uk

Heroes & Rolos News

This month we will be focusing on the book Dear Zoo. The children will be learning how to read the book in Makaton and will be encouraged to use complex sentences.

We will be involved in lots of activities where the children will learn about the lives of animals and where they live and where they come from. These activities will involve the tuff tray with sand, water, soil, grass, oats and leaves. This will encourage the children to learn about habitats and also describe different textures.

We will be making fun animal masks, using different patterns and looking at spots and stripes as well as colours and shapes. The children will be involved in choosing colours for purpose and will explore them by mixing them with each other to see what colour they get. In the garden we will have an animal dice and play games where the children roll the dice and if it lands on a kangaroo etc they have to act out how a kangaroo moves using their whole body. This will develop gross motor skills in a fun and exciting way by finding different ways of moving when they act out the different animals.

During maths activities we will be using ruler to measure animals. This will help with number recognition while using mathematical language.

Some of the children will be having settling in sessions in the room. This will help with their transition. The nursery cake sale will be held on Friday 13th August and funds will be going towards the Makaton charity.

Smarties News

During this month Smarties will continue to develop their communication and language skills by participating in various activities such as using toy phones to make calls to their friends and mummy and daddy. They will use numbers to make calls as this will help them with number recognition. Other areas for communication and language will include the role play kitchen where Smarties enjoy playing with their friends and taking about what they are doing. We will be setting up a construction area as the children have shown an interest in building and using vehicles like diggers. This will develop childrens social skills as well as understanding of the world. WE will be focusing on shapes and for this we will make our own jigsaw puzzles using pictures. We will then build a jigsaw to make the picture. We will be exploring sensory activities such as jelly play, spaghetti and sawdust to develop senses such as smell and touch, and talk about the texture. We will be taking activities outdoors such as mark making, large scale construction and tuff tray activities using sand and water and adding other resources.

Our new children from babies will be settling in and have sessions in the room that will help their transition when they make the move from babies to Smarties in September.

Jelly Babies News

This month Babies are going to be exploring MESSY play using sand, water, soil, jelly and cereal and lots more! They will be singing nursery rhymes old and new while incorporating textures into their play. Things such as soil for old McDonalds farm and Jelly for Wibble Wobble Jelly on a plate etc

We will be focusing on babies motor skills using soft play as well as slides and seesaw with the help of carers they will also start to walk up and down stairs.

They babies will be exploring with different materials placed in water such as paper towel, animals, pom poms as well as shaving foam.

We will be reading book of the month, Going on a Bear Hunt to our children and making the story simple and fun for them to understand. We will also recreate the events in the book by using equipment and dressing up in costumes. We will be making bear masks using colourful tissue paper and paint. We will also be baking carrot cake!!

Drop off and Collection Times for September for all Areas

Pre School Unit

Drop off and collection from Rolos door. This will support transition and getting ready for school

<u>Times</u>	<u>Collection</u>
7.30am	3.30pm
8am	4pm
8.30am	4.30pm
9am	5pm
9.30am	5.30pm
	6pm

Jelly Babies

Drop Off

Please bring your child into nursery during drop off times each morning

7.40am, 8.10am, 8.40am

Children that are brought into nursery after 9am will be collected from the gate by a member of staff from the baby unit

Collection

Parents will be invited to wait inside the gates and a member of staff will bring your child to you

Smarties

Drop off

Please bring your child into nursery during drop off times each morning

7.30am, 8am, 8.30am, 9am, 9.30am

Collection

3.30pm, 4pm, 4.30pm, 5pm, 5.30pm. 6pm

Sweeties and Jelly Tots - 15 hours EEE Funded places Only

Collection at gate:

Morning Session

9am, 9.30am

Collection

12pm, 12.30pm

Afternoon session

1pm, 2pm

Collection

4pm, 4.30pm, 5pm, 6pm

Please continue with your funded attendance days and times as agreed

August Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th August – Cake sale in the afternoon. Money raised will be donated to the Makaton Charity

Saturday 14th August 10am – 2pm Open Day at the nursery. All parents and children welcome to attend and have a look round the areas your child will be attending from September

Wednesday 18th August – Teddy Bear picnic. Children that attend on this day will be asked to bring a teddy or favourite cuddly into nursery for a picnic in the play areas in the afternoon

Wednesday 25th August – Leavers Party – 2-4pm for all children in attendance on this day. Donations of food would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday 26th August – Staff training. The training will be around encouraging good behaviour and best practice in all areas. Children should to be picked up from the settling no later than 4.45pm

Friday 27th August Super hero and princess pyjama day. Children in all areas can dress up as their favourite Super Hero or Princess. A donation of £1 would be appreciated.

Notices for parents

- Smarties children are building a construction corner and Rafhit has asked if parents could bring in any empty boxes and cartons to help with this activity. It would be much appreciated
- Jelly Babies are doing an Incy Wincy Spider display and have asked if parents can bring in empty kitchen rolls
They have also asked if parents can bring in copies of family photos for a display as well as showing the children different families in our community

30 hours funding If your child turns 3 before the 31st August 21 you may be eligible to claim 30 hours funding towards your childcare. To check your eligibility please go to the childcare choices website.