

Happy New Year..... we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and would like to say a big thank you for our Christmas cards, well wishes and presents. We would like to welcome all the new families and children who will be starting the Nursery in January; if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's room supervisor or management. If you do not know how to access your child's learning journey or you are not receiving emails from the Nursery please speak to one of the management team in the Nursery office. Shaida who works in our Heroes room will be expecting her first child due in April and we are all very excited for her. This term we have some staffing changes, Atikha (senior supervisor) will oversee Rolos and Heroes pre-school rooms therefore won't be included in ratios so will be surplus between Rolos and Heros.

Our topic of the month is..... **'Our Environment'**

The book for this month is: **'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'**

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



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

Heroes News

This Month in Heroes we will be celebrating the New Year talking about time, date and year. The Heroes will be encouraged to write their name using a pencil/pen correctly. The children will be baking yummy cupcakes, cakes and pizzas. The Heroes will be learning their 3D shapes and discussing their properties. They will also be drawing and identifying the shapes in the environment. The Heroes will be practicing making snips using scissors during creative activities. The children will be drawing pictures for their own stories and then acting the stories out.

Staff Training and Meetings

Nursery will close early this month for Staff training on: *Safeguarding*

on: Thursday 30th January

Please make sure all children are collected by 4:45pm.

Please note: There will be a charge for late collection for any child on the premises after this time.

Smarties & Sweeties News

This month Smarties will be helping the new Smarties children settle into the room. They will be looking at who their friends are and the similarities and differences they have between them. They will be using open-ended creative materials to make a self-portrait and looking at their facial features in the mirror. The Smarties will be making a display on the book of the month. They will be using different types of mark making tools such as pens, chalk and pencils to create pictures and marks for the display.

This month Sweeties will be making a display board based on one of their favourite books. They will be using various materials to make pictures and will be encouraged to make their own choices. The Sweeties will be exploring texture play with jelly and bugs, foam and animals and fish in the water with shells. The children will be encouraged to draw their own treasure maps and find treasure in the garden with binoculars and magnifying glasses. The sweeties enjoy finding different ways of moving so we will be doing ballet, yoga and dancing. We hope you all have a great New Year!

Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots

In January Jelly Babies will be creating firework pictures to celebrate the New Year. We will use toilet rolls, brushes and paint to create bright and colourful marks. The children will explore the ice cube play using their senses. The staff will add flavours into the ice cubes such as cordial and fruit juice. The babies really enjoyed fruit play and fruit tasting so we will explore more fruits and vegetables to taste. The children will be creating lots of artwork for our 'splash of art' display. We will use our hands, different resources and materials to create different marks. Also, just a reminder for parents to provide a couple of photos of your child with their family, favourite toy or pets so that we can create a photo book to enhance the children's learning. The book will encourage children to say single words such as Mummy, Daddy etc. Thank you.

Jelly Tots will be welcoming children back after the Christmas holiday. We will be focusing on new children settling in bonding with staff and making friends with children in the room. We will be doing key-group activities where children can get to know their key-person. Staff in the room will support Jelly Tots in developing their next steps. The children will be learning shapes and using these in activities such as water play, puzzles and creative activities etc. There will also be a focus on personal social and emotional development to develop children's sharing skills especially while playing with resources that require turn-taking. Jelly Tots will be expressing their interests through their favorite rhymes.

Rolos News

This month in Rolos the children will be visiting forest school and the library. Rolos will be learning all about the book of the month 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and will be looking at the structure of the story by making props using various construction materials and then acting out the story. We will be introducing Jolly Phonics to the Rolos. Looking at letters, the sounding of letters and forming letter shapes. We will also be learning about feelings, such as how we feel with changes (moving house, new baby in the family etc.). We will be identifying shapes in the environment and we will begin to learn the names of 3D shapes and their properties.

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Dates for your diary: Thursday 2nd January- Friday 31st January

Story Sessions at the library:
Forest School:

To be arranged
Monday - Heroes, Friday - Rolos

Upcoming Events and Dates

• Notice for all parents

*Drop in SENCO Session

Rose and Emma are our Nursery setting-based SENCO's and they will be offering parents and staff a drop-in session on Friday 31st January at 10am until 11am. This session provides you with the opportunity to seek advice if you have any concerns regarding your child's development or would like information about other professionals and their services in the local community.

Notice for Parents

- Please could the parents that bring in nappies daily make sure they have at least four for the day. Thank you.
- If you have any trousers, pants, tights, socks etc. that your child does not need we would love to have them. We always need spare clothes for children.
- If your child has a water bottle in Nursery please make sure it goes home so it can be cleaned and replaced with fresh water.
- Please make sure all your child's items are clearly named as we have lots of children with the same items and this can get very confusing!
- Thank you to all the parents that have brought in blankets and bed sheets for children during nap times. When these go home to be washed please return these to Nursery. Thank you

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you a nurse, a postman a vet a firefighter a policeman a shop assistant etc. do you have some spare time to come into the nursery and tell our children about your role in the community?
If so please speak with Atikha, Sam or Rose

January Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd January- Children return to Nursery

Monday 6th January- Term time only children return to Nursery

Thursday 30th January -Early collection of children from Nursery (by 4.45pm) as it is staff training on safeguarding

End Jan- By the end of January all parents will have received an updated attainment summary for their child for all areas of learning.

Key Makaton signs used in Nursery during meal times:



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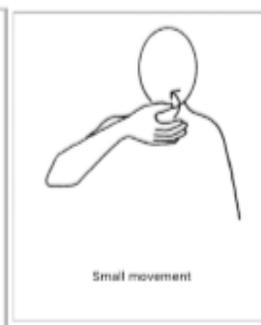
Drink



Food



Flat hand, palm down. Covers top of other fist



Small movement



Tap twice

Staffing:

There are some new members that will be joining our team in January:

Kelly - will be working in Sweeties 8.50-5.30pm completing her level 2 apprenticeship

Ellie- will be working in the Jelly Babies room 7.50-4:30pm completing her level 2

Leah- will be working in the Jelly Babies room 8:50-5:30pm completing her level 2