

NEWSLETTER JULY 2019



We are nearly at the end of our 2018/2019 academic year and many of our Nursery children are preparing to move to school. As always, we are sad to see some children preparing to leave us. We would like to wish them all the best in their new schools and hope to welcome families back in the future. We have just had a role-play food shop built for the children in the main playground which is nearly finished, the children will get to play in it very soon. If you have any old baskets, plastic food containers, old tills, shopping trolleys we would welcome any resources to enhance the children's play. The children have already used the flower shop at the front of the Nursery and have really enjoyed looking after the sunflowers, cucumbers, peppers and wild flowers. Role- play shops are a great learning enhancement as they provide opportunities for children to mark-make shopping lists, count out objects, communicate with their peers, recognise numbers and letters such as the signs and logos.

Our Topic book at nursery for July is
'Handa's Surprise'
And our topic is 'All About Me'

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Heroes News

During July we are getting ready for school, reading books, practicing our Graduation assembly, dressing up in school uniform, visiting Yardley Primary School and visiting Yardley library. When we visit Yardley library, we will be using our cards and choosing a book of our choice to take home and share with our families.

This is a great opportunity for children to take ownership of their own belongings and learn how to handle books with care.

We will also be spending time outside learning how to balance, playing football and playing with our new skittles. The children will be counting how many skittles are left when they get knocked down and recording their marks on paper.

Jelly Babies News

This month we will be finding and using tools that we can use for our arts and crafts activities. For example, using sticks as paintbrushes.

We will be creating water colour pictures using straws to make and blow bubbles and print pictures on them.

We will be exploring a variety of textures such as gloop, play-dough and adding different materials into it for the babies to find.

We will be having lots of fun exploring the outdoor area especially the mud kitchen using different utensils to mix up the mud.

We will be looking at building towers using a range of open-ended objects such as boxes and blocks.

We will be doing butterfly printing to encourage children to select and name different colours. The children will follow instructions such as pressing the paper down.

Smarties & Sweeties News

This month Sweeties will be exploring using their senses through sensory play. We will be making slime by adding in lots of colours and materials for different textures. The children will then describe the textures they can feel such as soft, bumpy, rough etc.

We will be learning animals and fruit from Handa's Surprise in Makaton. We will be going on treasure hunts with our magnifying glasses and looking for mini-beasts such as caterpillars.

The sweeties will be making bottle shakers to explore different sounds and to help the children with their hand-eye co-ordination while using the jugs to pour.

Smarties will be reading Handa's Surprise book and talking about different fruits and how they taste.

The children will be exploring the different fruit from the story using their senses and describing the textures of each.

Smarties will be looking at the new rooms the children will be moving to and meeting their new teachers so they become familiar with their new environment.

Staff will be encouraging imaginative play by supporting children to act out their own experiences such as going on a bus, visiting the beach, going to the shop etc.

Rolos News This month in Rolos the children are preparing for school by dressing up in school uniform, looking at photos of the schools they are going to and children will visit Yardley primary school (playing in a Reception classroom, performing their graduation in a school and watching an assembly).

The children will be getting ready for their graduation by learning new songs and re-telling one of their favourite stories in Nursery. The children are still learning about butterfly life cycles and habitats. The children will carry on observing the changes during a butterfly life-cycle and discuss what is happening to the cocoons during small group time (hopefully we will have some beautiful butterflies soon).

Rolos will be creating story maps as a whole class and then during focus activities linking to our book of the month Handa's Surprise.

Jelly Tots News

This month the Jelly Tots will be learning about their shapes by singing the shape song. The children will also look at the shapes of everyday objects and creating artwork using a variety of shapes such as sponges and potato shapes.

The children will also be exploring a variety of textures such as cornflour, foam, jelly and rice.

Jelly Tots will be creating hand and foot prints using water and paint to create and experiment with marks.

The children are very interested in our house display and have been looking at their family photos. If you have not bought in a photo of your child's family please could you send one in. Thank you.

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Dates for your diary: From Monday 1st July-Wednesday 31st July

Story Sessions at the library: Alternate Mondays Rolos and Heroes

Forest School:

Alternate Fridays for Rolos and Heroes

Upcoming Events and Dates

July 2019 Dates for your Diary

*Drop in SENCO Session

- There will be a drop in session on **Thursday 25th July 9.30-10.30am** if you would like to discuss any concerns you may have about your child with Rose our SENCO. This may include things such as discussions about speech and language development etc.

Notice for Parents

- Please make sure children's self-register names are left in Nursery as some of them have gone missing
- Please make sure that when you are dropping or collecting children you park in a parking spot. Some parents are parking next to the Nursery gates which could result in an accident.
- Can you please make sure children's bags are stored on the trollies provided and not in the hallway as this is hazardous and could cause an accident?
- Please make sure children's water bottles are filled up with water rather than squash.
- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the Summer (sunny days) such as wearing a sun hat/sun cream.
- We welcome donations for our new role-play shop in the main playground such as old tills, boxes, shopping leaflets and plastic food containers.

★ Save the dates: ★

The following dates are for our family Halloween and Christmas party which will be held at Sheldon Social Club. Last year lots of you already had events booked in.

We would love to see you all there- even the families leaving us this year (it's lovely to hear how children are getting on at school)

Halloween family party: Sunday 27th October
12-3pm

Christmas family party: Sunday 8th December
12-4pm

- **Monday 8th July 2.30pm** pre-school visiting Yardley Primary School (assembly).
- **Tuesday 9th July** Zoo Lab returning to Nursery
 - 9.30-10am Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots
 - 10am-10.30 Smarties and Sweeties
 - 10.30-11.45 Rolos and Heroes
- **Tuesday 16th July 2-4pm PRE-SCHOOL LEAVERS PARTY:** Please note that all pre-school will be able to attend this event (even if they do not attend Nursery this day). This year the church has kindly let us use the hall; we ask for a small donation of £2 which will go to the church charity. The church is located behind our Nursery- please ask a member of staff if you are unsure of where it is. Please can parents of pre-children that don't normally attend this day meet us at the church hall for **2pm** and collect children from the hall by **4pm**. There will be a children's entertainer, music and food for the celebration!
- **Wednesday 17th July 2pm** Rolos leavers assembly at Yardley Primary School
- **Thursday 18th July 2pm** Heroes leavers assembly at Yardley Primary School
- **Thursday 25th July 4.45pm** Early Collection for all children, staff meeting for staff on Attachment and Safeguarding

Makaton signs (linking to the story of the month Handa's Surprise):



Banana



Orange



Tree