



We have some sad news this month for children and staff in Jelly Tots. Zoe will be leaving us to take up another position at a nursery school in Moseley. It will be sad to see her go and we wish her well. Andrea from Rolos will be moving to Jelly Tots. Kayla from Jelly Babies will replace Andrea in Rolos, Kayal has worked in Rolos a few times and is confident with the children and routine.

Sophie our Supervisor in Jelly Babies is expecting a baby ... is there something in the water? Great news Sophie will start maternity leave in June and is expecting a baby boy.

We have Zakia a qualified member of staff who has joined us in Rolos. And we have new apprentices on board too.

Emma our SEN support has undertaken SENCO training and will lead meetings alongside Rose going forward.

Please bear with us in main building as we are aware it looks like a building site. We are having plastering work and tiling which is due to start next week. When it is finished it will look very smart.

Our Topic at nursery for the Spring Term is... **The Environment**  
The book for this month is: **Gruffalo and Gruffalos Child**

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



us on **TWITTER**; search for swansyardley.  
Alternatively, go to our nursery website and read our room blogs or learn about future events on

## Heroes News

This month the Heroes will be making lots of lovely things such as Valentine cards, cupcakes, decorating biscuits using different ingredients like icing sugar, sprinkles and choco chips.

The Valentine cards will be made using many different textures and materials such as card, glitter, felt, pencil crayons as well as coloured pipe cleaners. Heroes will be exploring with a range of different materials in water. We will also be using our cooking skills making things such as Samosas and Chaat, exploring their tastes and to experiment with different ingredients.

Heroes have also been continuously practicing how to write their name using dot to dot, tracing and writing without support.

## Rolos News

This month Rolos are going to be learning all about wood and forest animal's and their habitats. We will also be starting Jolly Phonics and focusing on a letter each week. We will start by looking at objects that begin with the letter and trace over it.

This month we are also going to focus on developing our use of one-handed tools.

We will continue to visit the Forest school and the Library.

**Parent Reminder:** Can wellies be brought in for your child for messy outdoor play and visits off site.

## Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots

**Jelly Tots** will be focusing on developing their communication skills by using simple sentences to talk about their needs. WE will be working on interacting with peers to develop our sharing skills.

One of our interests has been Firemen. With this, we will be learning Makaton signs to the song Five Little Firemen.

The Jelly Tots will be beginning to learn simple shapes such as square, circle, triangle, and rectangle.

With activities like nursery rhymes, we will be developing our number skills and learning to count to 5.

We will be developing our mark making skills and learning to hold tools with good control during messy activities.

Jelly Tots will be having a party on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February for Zoe as she is leaving.

This month **Jelly Babies** will be involved in Valentine crafts. We will be making cards as well as red coloured cookies. We will be doing a print display where the children will be using different toys; their hands and feet as well as leaves.

We will be doing some food tasting using different fruits to tickle their taste buds!

We will be practicing our Makaton signs and nursery rhymes with Makaton actions.

**Parents:** if you have not already done so could you please bring in a few pictures of your child with their favourite toys, pets and special people. We are going to create photo books for the children to look through.

## Smarties & Sweeties News

This month the Smarties will be doing activities based on *The Gruffalo*, which is the book of the month. They will be making Gruffalo masks as well as making props to act out the story.

We will be focusing on learning the names of simple shapes. As well as making some heart shaped cakes for Valentine's Day.

Staff use ongoing support to help children gain confidence in areas such as toilet training.

Children will be involved in artwork for display boards.

We will also be focusing on dressing ourselves such as putting on clothes from the dressing up box and trying to put our own shoes and coats on.

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Dates for your diary: From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Forest School at Yardley School for Rolos, Sweeties and Heroes will be on a Monday and Friday. Children will go on a Rota basis please speak with your child's key person to see when it is their turn. Children will go from 9.30am - 11am

### Notice for Parents

- Can parents please ensure they label all their child's belongings as many children have the same coat, bag etc...?
- Please can remind all parents that their child's water bottle must be taken home at the end of each nursery day, cleaned and replenished with fresh drinking water for the next day. Thank you
- As you aware, we send all nursery correspondence and information about your child's day either through email or through the online learning journey portal. If you are not receiving this information, please pop into the office to update your email details.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS!

Parents that use a taxi to get to nursery **must** make sure taxi Drivers Park up in the bays and not in the middle of the car park or up by the gate.

We are also on the hunt for Junk modelling items like boxes, old packages, kitchen roll holders etc... if you have any of these items at home we would appreciate if you could bring these items into nursery. Thank you

### February Dates for your Diary

- All parents will receive their child's development date for the Autumn Term 2019. This will provide a more accurate update on how your child's has been progressing within the Early Years Foundation Stage following parents evening in November 2019.
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Day Valentine's Day children will be making cards for their loved ones ready for
- Children in Rolos and Heroes will continue with their weekly visits to the library to loan a book.

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 11am:

Drop in session for any parent or carer who has concerns regarding their child's development

### Staff Training and Meetings Attending

Emma Wheelan SENCO training Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 9:30am until 3:30pm

Staff Training Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 4.45pm

Behaviour and Aces

**All children to be collected by 4.45pm**