

Happy New year and behalf of all the staff at Little Swans may 2019 bring you good health and happiness ☺ January brings a fresh start to a new year and we are busy over the next few weeks planning for the year ahead, with lot's of fun activities to plan as well as parent workshops and celebrations.

Rose the nursery assistant manager has increased her hours at nursery and will be here from 7.30am – 2pm each day. Rose will also be the nursery SENCO (special educational needs co-ordinator) should you have any concerns regarding your child's learning and development please speak with Rose or Laura from Jelly Tots who will also be supporting Rose with SEN.

Have a good Month all ☺

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

'Our Environment'

based on the book '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 and Rolos News

This month in Rolos the children will be focusing on recognising numbers in the environment and supporting the children's learning further with flash cards and the interactive whiteboard as well as dice and magnetic numbers. During our circle time we will be talking about past, present and future to support the children's understanding of tenses. The children have also made their own sensory box in Rolos We will be investigating this and discussing what we can feel.

Heroes this month will be focusing on the the book of the month ' We are going on a bear hunt' . The children will read the book and role play the story. The children's learning will continue to be supported through activities relating to the book such as making our own bear caves, using sensory play to represent the book as well as making our character masks. We are going to continue practicing our 2D and 3D shapes as well as using different materials such as foam to practice forming our letters.

Staff Training and Meetings

Nursery will close early this month for Staff training: Makaton and sign

Thursday 31st January 2019

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.

Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots News

This month in Jelly Babies we will be welcoming all our new friends who have started with us. We will be doing lot's of messy play activities such as spaghetti play, foam play and glitter play , all which will develop our fine motor skills and sensory exploration. The children will also be creating a new display board which will be very colourful and be lot's of fun for us to do. We will be doing lot's of singing and dancing, moving our bodies to the different beats adding musical instruments too. For the book of the month we will be planning lot's of activities about going on a bear hunt, such as dipping our feet in brown paint to represent mud and water to represent the river.

The Jelly Tots will be using the bear hunt story and going interactive with it using puppets and props to tell the story The children will also be doing a transport display and going outside to listen to the different transport sounds and singing transport songs. The Jelly Tots have a keen interest in transport at the moment and we want to use this to build on their learning. We will also be getting creative and making car prints for our display.

Smarties and Sweeties News

This month Smarties are getting very creative and using their imaginations to make some bear masks. To support the children's sensory development staff will provide the children with a variety of resources of different textures to make their masks. To keep the bear theme going the children will also be having a teddy bears picnic and going on a bear hunt outdoors in the play areas. We will also be looking a growth and the children will be helping to grow their own cress seed heads at nursery.

In Sweeties the children will also be experimenting with textures. The children will also be practicing recognising letters in the environment and through play with the magnetic board and letters as well as the interactive and white boards. We have a days of the week some which is really helping us learn the days of the week and will continuing with this during January as well as learning our colours at circle times. We will also be doing lot's of mark making activities and learning to grasp tools correctly.

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Dates for your diary: From Wednesday 2nd January until Wednesday 31st January 2019

Story Sessions at the library: Due to funding constraints from the council children will no longer have stories with librarians however pre school staff will still continue to take the children around the library for story sessions

Heroes every Monday and Rolos every Friday term time only.

Nanny Shirley: Every Thursday unless family commitment

Forest School: Heroes - Every week term time only on a Friday Morning

Rolos - Every week term time only on a Monday Morning

We are currently looking into stay and play sessions for under three's at the House of play and Education which is situated in the Swan Courtyard on Coventry road. Watch this space for future dates/ information

Upcoming Events and Dates

• Notice for all parents

*Drop in SENCO Session

Rose is the nursery's setting based SENCO and will be offering parents and staff a drop-in session on Friday 24th January from 10:00am – 11.00am at nursery. 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 remember you can keep up to date with nursery through the nursery app and twitter. To follow us on twitter search for swans Yardley. To download the nursery app go to the app store on your mobile device and search for Little Swans Day Nursery. You can also find more detailed information such as policies etc. on the nursery website www.littleswans.org.uk
- Can parents / visitors please ensure no other person follows them through the main gates when collecting/ bringing their child to nursery. All parents/ visitors must make themselves known to a staff member by accessing the nursery through the intercom system.
- As we start a new term can I remind all parents that their child is under three years of age they must bring in three bibs each day and a blanket for sleep time. This is nursery policy.

January Dates for your Diary

Staff Training

Training to be arranged for the new year ahead

Makaton training to be arranged for all staff

Staff Training Thursday 31st January 5pm

Makaton ad Sign

Nursery will close at 4.45pm: All children to be collected by this time

Thank you for your cooperation

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 Rose , Elaine Boulton/Sam Tranter Management