



Hello parents, hope you're all well. September has been a busy month at nursery as we have had children settling in into different rooms. However it is lovely to see how well all the children have settled and engaging in nursery activities and routines. As some parents may already know Ofsted made their visit to nursery and the report will be out in the next 3 weeks!!

Our Topic at nursery for the Autumn Term is...
'Out and about in the local community'.
The book for this month is 'Room on the broom'

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Heroes News This month the Heroes will be creating their display boards around Halloween, they will be learning why people celebrate Halloween and will be doing many activities around this topic, so far as a class we have decided to make Halloween masks, bake scary spider cupcakes, make Halloween cards, green slime, carve pumpkins and will be dressing up as mummies using toilet roll. October is going to be a fun month for the Heroes. The children will also been doing some learning activities to create their learning display, we have introduced startwell to the children again this academic year and are hoping to put some startwell pictures and work on the display, we will be talking about why we should be eating healthy and why we exercise. During October Atikha will be sending home a startwell bag with one child each week over the weekend; this bag includes recipes for healthy meals, toothbrushes, a teddy bear and some bat and balls, using this bag can parents please do any activities around being healthy and take some pictures to put into the book which is inside the bag. Parents can write little descriptions next to the pictures they have put in the book. If parents do not have access to a printer, they can send their pictures to sam@littleswans.org.uk or rose@littleswans.org.uk

Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots

This week the Jelly Babies will be doing activities around Halloween, they will be creating little pumpkins using pipe cleaners, lollipop sticks and paint. Babies will also be carving pumpkins and doing sensory play with the inside of the pumpkin, exploring the textures. We will then be having a Halloween party at nursery so don't forget to dress up your child. We will be creating ocean themed frozen snow foam as we are exploring textures. We will be making new sensory bottles using different colours and different objects.

Jelly tots will be learning about different fruits and vegetables, they will be having the role play kitchen out looking at the different colour fruits they can see and will be matching them to objects in the room. Towards the end of the month, Jelly Tots will be having a Halloween party and will be doing many activities around Halloween.

Smarties & Sweeties News

The smarties are working on using their listening ears; they will be having short story sessions in small groups to improve on their listening and attention. Smarties will also be doing Halloween activities such as; making spooky play dough, talking about Halloween at circle time, making edible broom sticks using breadsticks and chocolate also do not forget to dress your child for the Halloween party! The sweeties will be doing different paint printings, e.g. cotton buds and wool. They will also be learning about self-care, learning to brush their teeth and how long we should be brushing for and why. Sweeties will be making yummy healthy foods this month. As we are in autumn we will be learning about weather change and will be collecting leaves and will be using magnifying glasses to do this.

Rolos News This month the Rolos will be working on their name recognition, they will be doing this by using the self-registration where the parents/staff help the children when signing in. the Rolos will be looking around the environment for different letters from their names. The Rolos will be decorating their rooms with Halloween decorations, the children will be creating their own spiders and pumpkins, to support social interactions and attention children will be doing activities in smaller groups. They will then be focusing on using fine motor skills, such as using scissors, using tweezers to pick up items, colouring and exploring in the sand and water.

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Dates for your diary: From Tuesday 1st October until Thursday 31st October 2019

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

- Sam will be taking annual leave from Wc; 7.10.19- Wc; 21.10.19 for 2 weeks, if parents have any enquires whilst she is away as an alternative you can E-mail Rose at Rose@littleswans.org.uk or you can speak to Rose/Atikha who will be in the office.
- Jelly Babies are making a photo book for their babies to look at, this is to encourage recognition of familiar faces, and so could jelly babies parents please bring in any pictures of people who are familiar to their baby, thank you.

October Dates for your Diary

Kate from sweeties will be leaving nursery on Friday 11th October 2019. We are currently looking for Kate's replacement in the eman time Sophie from Smarties who all children are familiar with will be working in Sweeties .

Zoo lab will be visiting us on **Tuesday 17th October** – prices are **£5 per child**, if your child has a **sibling** at nursery it is **£8**. ☺ if your child doesn't do that day you can still bring them in at the following times; Jelly Babies and Jelly Tots 9:30-10:00. Smarties and Sweeties 10:00- 10:30 Rolos and Heroes 10:30-11:20

Tickets for the **Halloween party** are on sale in the office, the party will be on **Sunday 27th October 12-3** at Sheldon Heath social club, if you wish to bring family and friends you're more than welcome. Tickets are **£2.00 a child** and **£4.00 and adult**, tickets are selling fast so please buy your

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS!!

If your child has, a sleep at nursery parents **MUST** bring in a small sheet similar size to a Moses basket sheet and a small blanket, if your child comes in without these parents will be called to drop the sheets / blankets to nursery for their child.

Staff Training and Meetings

Nursery will close early this month for Staff training: *Curriculum planning*

On: **Thursday 31 October 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.

Save some dates!

November 14th and 15th The photographer will be at nursery on these 2 days, if you wish to dress your child up please make sure you bring your child already dressed in the clothes you want their picture in, due to staff ratios we are unable to dress the children.

Christmas Party will be on **Sunday 8th December 12-4**, this will also be at Sheldon Heath social club, and tickets will be on sale in November (date will be in November newsletter)

Tuesday 10th December 2-2:45 will be the Heroes nativity, tickets will be sold from WC; 20.11.19 (£1 per ticket, 2 tickets max per child) Venue Tbc.

Thank you :)