

# Autumn 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> Half) Theme/Topic:

## Ourselves

### **Bodies**

**Pink/ Oval/1 Kitchen**

Monday	3 Sept	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	4 Sept	Handprints
Wednesday	5 Sept	Mirrors/ Painting ourselves
Thursday	6 Sept	Icing biscuits and creating faces

### **Favourite Things**

**Orange/Rectangle/2 Kitchen**

Monday	10 Sept	Making sandwiches for snack time	<b>FIRE DRILL</b>
Tuesday	11 Sept	Drawing Favourite Toy/Photo for Journal	
Wednesday	12 Sept	Collaging	
Thursday	13 Sept	Threading a foot	

### **Families and feelings**

**Yellow/Triangle/3 Doctors Surgery**

Monday	17 Sept	Happy/sad collage plate face
Tuesday	18 Sept	Create a family - cutting/Family photo
Wednesday	19 Sept	Cheese Straws
Thursday	20 Sept	Family and feeling box

### **Clothes/Bodies**

**Blue/Circle/4 Doctors Surgery**

Monday	24 Sept	What do we wear?
Tuesday	25 Sept	Pitta pizza
Wednesday	26 Sept	Washing line - with nos. 1-5/colours
Thursday	27 Sept	Clothes and body stickers on A4 paper

### **Senses**

**Green/Square/5 Hairdressers**

Monday	01 Oct	Making shakers
Tuesday	02 Oct	Apple Crumble
Wednesday	03 Oct	Bodies and colouring
Thursday	04 Oct	<b>Senses Walk</b> - Different textures on a handprint

### **Harvest**

**Red/Heart/6**

**Supermarket**

Monday	08 Oct	Vegetable collage for Display
Tuesday	09 Oct	Potato printing/vegetable printing
Wednesday	10 Oct	Leaf printing
Thursday	11 Oct	Carrot/Courgette rolls

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### Harvest

Monday 15 Oct  
Tuesday 16 Oct  
Wednesday 17 Oct  
Thursday 18 Oct

### Brown/Oval/7

Vegetable Soup  
Leaf collage on sticky back plastic  
Playground Visit  
Harvest collection/Bubblewrap sweetcorn

### Supermarket

### White/8/Star

### Laundry

Monday 22 Oct  
Tuesday 23 Oct  
Wednesday 24 Oct  
Thursday 25 Oct

Paper plate Scarecrow  
Junk Modelling  
Draw a face (for journal)  
Pumpkin

## Half - Term

# Newsletter January 2014

## **SPRING TERM (FIRST HALF)**

Wednesday 8 January - Thursday, 13 February, 2014

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a happy new year, hope you had a good Christmas and are now feeling refreshed after the holiday break. Secondly, a warm welcome to our new children and their families and we look forward to getting to know each other hoping all will settle into playgroup life easily and happily! We greatly appreciate the support you give us and, as a charity, we are reliant upon your help with many aspects of our practice and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Our theme for this half term is **Ourselves**. There is a weekly planner on the notice board. Your child may, if they wish, bring in an item from home which relates to the theme, colour, number or shape for that week for 'show and tell' time. These items should be placed in your child's key group's basket which can be found on the table where their name card is displayed.

### **Security**

For the benefit of our new families we would like to remind everyone that the children's safety is our primary concern. We are at our most vulnerable when the door is open at the start and finish of the sessions and would ask that you support us in our procedures during this time and at any other time that you are in Playgroup helping out. The door will be manned at start and finishing.

### **Parent Helper Rota (watch out for the NEW ROTA on our Notice Board)**

As always, mums, dads, nannies and grandparents, are all welcome to help out. This is a marvelous way of finding out what we do whilst seeing your child play. Some children cling like mad when you are in helping out and prefer not to share you with other children; this is quite normal! However, as long as they let you go long enough to do the washing up for us it is fine! Seriously, though, assuming your child will let you, it does help us out when we have an extra pair of hands, but, most importantly, we would like you and your child to enjoy the experience and for us all to get to know each other more.

### **Clothing and Personal 'Changing Bags'**

**Please** do not send your child to Playgroup wearing their best clothes. Messy activities are planned for everyday; don't risk it!! Also, please, please please can **all removable clothing be named; especially coats, hats, gloves, scarves and footwear**. Also, it would be very beneficial if **all personal 'changing bags' were also named on the OUTSIDE** for easier reference.

During the winter months the playgroup room can become a little on the chilly side when we have the door open for free play. Please, therefore, ensure your child arrives adequately dressed, bringing additional clothing, for both indoor and outdoor play; again, another gentle reminder, **all removable items named please**.

## Illness

If your child is off with an infectious disease, please inform us so we may inform parents/carers accordingly. Also, if your child is sick or has diarrhea then we **insist**, to hopefully reduce the risk of infecting others, **you keep them off playgroup for a minimum of 48 hours AFTER THE LAST INSTANCE OF ILLNESS.**

## Fire drill : Week commencing Monday, 13 January

We carry out a fire drill each half term but we keep this fairly low key so as not to alarm the children. They usually perform really well during the drills, resisting the urge to play on the bikes etc. as though they instinctively know to wait until the drill is over. It takes only a few minutes, but is a vital part of our health and safety procedures.

## Putting on Coat Practice : week of 20 January

One of the main aims of personal, social and emotional development is to prepare the children for Nursery. One way of promoting this whilst also encouraging personal independence is to help the children learn how to put on/take off their own coats. We shall be practicing putting on coats in the following ways:

**For coats WITH hoods** - by putting hoods on heads first which will then help with locating sleeves. **For coats with NO hoods** - we have another method - the coat can be laid on the floor upside down in front of them; enabling them to hopefully put their arms down the sleeves and lift the coat up over their heads. This works well but requires space; also the coat may get dirty on the floor.

## Senses Walk : Thursday 30 January

We will be walking in the adjacent park and using our senses to hear, see and smell different things in the environment. We shall be requiring lots of volunteers please in order to maintain the correct ratios so don't hold back from volunteering; it can be loads of fun! Please also ensure all children wear appropriate footwear on this particular day and are dressed warmly, thank you.

As always, with any walks and 'special' activities if your child does not normally attend playgroup on those days, but you would like them to join us, then they are very welcome too; **as long as you can accompany them and inform Ailsa in advance.**

## Nursery Grant

If your child was **three on or before 31 December, 2010** they are now entitled to the Nursery Education Grant. To apply for this we need to have a **copy** of their Birth Certificate (short version is fine) or Passport to verify their date of birth. We also now need their **NHS number**. We have a deadline for when we must apply and as there is a lot of paperwork involved when processing the forms; it would be very much appreciated if the relevant copies were given to **Ailsa as soon as possible.**

## Snow Procedures

We will endeavour to make contact on the first morning if playgroup is closed due to snow. This information will also be posted on our web site and further updates should be available on the web site too.

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