

VICTORIA NURSERY UNIT



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October News

Topic - Hedgehogs

During our topic the children will be learning all about hedgehogs by discovering the answers to the following questions.

- What do they look like?
- Where do they live?
- What do they eat and what should they not eat?
- What do they do if frightened?
- Why are they the gardener's friend?
- What do they do in the winter and why?

They will be taking part in art and craft activities, learning rhymes and songs and listening to stories about hedgehogs.

Colour and shape

Every month we will be focusing on a colour and a shape. This month the colour is red and the shape is a circle. Watch out for some tasks via Evidence Me for your child to carry out.

Nursery Fund

£3 per week or if you have decided to pay monthly the amount for October is £9 and should be paid on Monday 7th October. **Place the money in an envelope with your child's name, the amount enclosed and nursery fund clearly marked on it.**

Absence from nursery

If your child is off for any reason please send in a short note when they return detailing the reason for their absence or phone school and leave a message with the secretary.

Family Photograph Board

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a family photograph. The children have been enjoying looking at them and showing their families to the staff and their friends. It's not too late to send in a family photo for the display.

Golden Rules

During September the children were introduced to some characters with a special message that we want them to remember and follow this year. Every month we will be focusing on one of these messages. In October our focus will be on Mona Monkey's message 'You listen well.' The children are learning to listen well during story time and when nursery staff are speaking. Please encourage your child to listen well.

Clothing

Please make sure that your child's name is clearly marked on their red jumper, coat and shoes. Remember nursery is a lace free zone! **Children should come to nursery EVERY DAY with a coat.**

Nursery Gate

It is very important that the gate that gives you access into the nursery garden is **kept closed at all times**. Please advise anyone dropping off or collecting your child of this.

Parking

Please be considerate to those living close to the school when parking. Drive ways and access points should be kept clear at all times. Residents recently contacted the police and a parking ticket was issued as a result!

Attendance

In Victoria nursery we expect children to attend nursery every day except when they are ill. If your child is going to be off for an appointment, please let Mrs Addis know, either by leaving a message with Mrs Ritchie the school secretary or in writing prior to the appointment. Children should not be collected from nursery early except in exceptional circumstances or by prior arrangement with Mrs Addis

Jewellery and hair accessories

Children should not wear jewellery (including earrings) to nursery at any time during the year. Hair accessories should be in nursery colours (navy or red). Large bows or similar large hair accessories should not to be worn.

Non-uniform day

On Friday 23rd October there will be a non-uniform day for the children. Non uniform days are a way for us to raise funds for the PTA so we would ask you to send in a donation of £1 with your child. Clothing should be practical, suitable for outdoor play and manageable for your child so that they can go to the toilet independently. **No laces (even if the shoe or boot can be put on via a zip), belts or jewellery please.**

Helping your child become independent

Many children can get their coats on and off independently and others can get one arm in. To help your child become more independent we would encourage you to work on this task at home. Get your child to put their hood on their head and then hold the left or right front section of their coat and put their arm in the sleeve. With some support children can master this technique very quickly. I look forward to updating you on your child's progress at the end of the month.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Mrs Addis is planning to have an informal chat with all parents about how their child has settled in nursery on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October. Each appointment will last for ten minutes but if you think you will need a longer appointment please select a double slot. Please contact the school secretary Mrs Ritchie (02893351781) to make an appointment with Mrs Addis. Only one parent will be able to attend and a face covering must be worn. When you arrive for your appointment you will be required to wait outside until Mrs Addis comes to let you in. Interview times will be from 8.30 to 4.00. If the Monday or Tuesday do not suit, please contact Mrs Addis so that a suitable time can be arranged. If you would prefer a telephone appointment please contact Mrs Addis to arrange a suitable time.

Nursery equipment

Sometimes during the course of play the children place things in their pockets which get forgotten about. If your child appears home with something that you know is not theirs, it may well be from nursery. If this is the case it would be appreciated if you would bring the item to nursery the next day and check with a member of staff. Thank you

Dates for your diary

19th and 20th Oct – Parent Teacher interviews – Nursery closed

23rd Oct – non-uniform day

26th Oct to 30th Oct - half term

2nd November – nursery reopens after half term

17th Dec - last day of nursery for all children before Christmas holiday

18th Dec – 5th Jan – Christmas holidays

6th Jan – nursery reopens after Christmas break

Birthdays this month



Morning – Anna, Zara,

Afternoon – Charlotte, Jacob, Noah H, Tom

Rhymes and Songs for October

Repetition of songs and rhymes can help to develop speech and language, memory skills, listening skills, awareness of rhyming words and a sense of rhythm.

One little hedgehog

Hiding in the leaves

Snuffle, snuffle, sniff, sniff

Tickle, wriggle, sneeze.



Mr Hedgehog

Mr Hedgehog's on the ground,

Mr Hedgehog's sleeping sound.

He's cuddled up all warm and snug

Underneath his sleepy rug.

Autumn Leaves

Red leaves falling, red leaves falling,

On the ground, on the ground,

Autumn time is coming,

Autumn time is coming,

All around, all around.

Orange leaves falling

Brown leaves falling

Yellow leaves falling

A Hedgehog is Very Prickly

A hedgehog is very prickly,

A hedgehog is very prickly,

A hedgehog is very prickly,

It couldn't be anything else



I'm a little Hedgehog

I'm a little hedgehog,

Brown and small.

Very prickly,

Not that tall.

When I'm feeling frightened,

Away I crawl,

And curl up into a ball!

Circle Song

(to the tune If you're happy and you know it)

A circle is a shape that goes round x2

A circle is a shape that goes round and round
and round

A circle is a shape that goes round.

