

St Leo's and Southmead School Nursery Newsletter 20th October 2017

During this half term we introduce each area of the nursery and find out about their interests and different things that we can do in that area with our key worker. Following are a few activities that you may like to try at home with your child.

During the next half term we will be sharing Traditional Tales which include The Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. We will be talking about the Author, Illustrator, Title, the front and back of the book and the difference between words and pictures. We will also be recreating some of these stories exploring writing by making story maps, using ICT toys and making shopping lists. We will also be having fun with maths buying bowls, spoons and porridge from our role play shop to use to make porridge.

As part of Key Worker time we have continued sharing the children's favourite rhymes. We have also had our next Dough Disco session. This is a weekly activity where children roll, stretch, squash and squeeze play dough to help them develop arm, hand and finger muscle strength ready for writing.

As part of an ongoing interest in Babies and our School RE Come and See Topic Baptism we would love to see any pictures of your child as a baby or their Baptism. We will be using these as part of discussion at Key Worker time.

Top Tip of the week linked to Literacy aspect of writing: Explore making marks using bath pens at bath time. Make marks using twigs in mud at the park. To develop big gross movements ready for writing attach strips of fabric or ribbon to a twig and twirl it in circles, zig zags and up and down movements.

Friday Library

On a Friday children will bring home a library book to be returned on the following Thursday. The book will come home in a Red bag which is to be kept with the book and returned the following Thursday. All we say is enjoy your time together sharing the book with your child looking at and taking about the pictures. Before bed time can be a good time.

As part of our RE Topic Babies we have continued to talk about our experiences and what we know about babies. The children have enjoyed exploring our baby shop where they have been making marks for a purpose by making shopping lists and buying items for their baby. These include baby bottles, bibs, hats and nappies. The children have then enjoyed using these items to dress their baby or feed their baby. The children have also enjoyed this week making baby bottles and also washing them.

EASY PEASY APP RESEARCH PROJECT AT ST LEOS AND SOUTHMEAD

Just to let you know we are looking at taking part in a research project called easy peasey. This is an app which you can download and use to access weekly fun games and activities to support your child in their learning and development and readiness for school Reception. Please feel free to ask any questions about it. You can view some clips on [you tube typing in A day in the life of Easy Peasy.](#)
[Easy Peasy App](#)

If you have any questions, child interests, queries, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to come and talk to any of the Key Workers or your child's Key Worker. Thank you from the Nursery Team