



# What's happening at Nursery!

24th November to 28th November 2014

The children have been busy looking after the hens. They have been going and collecting the eggs and feeding them. Last week there was lots of interest in using the blocks and small world figures to role play and make up stories about castles, trains and stations, police stations and other situations based on the children's experiences. Using small world toys allows the children to develop their imagination, helps to extend their vocabulary and is a really important part of literacy. Children need to be able to practice language by talking so that when they are able to write when they go on to their reception class they know all about the order of words and sentences. For children who are able to speak, talk is the most powerful tool that they possess. Good quality talk is the key to opening up so many opportunities, and a child's ability to talk well has a great and long-lasting impact on their attainment. The more they talk, the better at it they get. The wider their experience of things to talk about, the bigger their range of vocabulary becomes. The more words they know, the better they are at communicating what they think and feel - which helps reduce their feelings of frustration and anxiety when they cannot find the right word or phrase to use. That's why we provide lots of opportunities in Nursery school to experience new things. Don't forget that you can support your child's developing language by checking what they have been up to in Nursery school on Tapestry and talking about their experiences when you are at home. Let us know if you cannot sign in to your child's online Learning Journal.

## Reminder.....

Our Christmas craft workshop days are

Wednesday 26th November and Thursday 27th November  
and Wednesday 3rd December and Thursday 4th December

Parents and grandparents are invited to come and join the staff and children anytime between 9.00am and 10.30am as we explore, experiment and create with Christmas in mind.



## ***Do you know what to do if you are worried about a child's safety or welfare?***

If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person you can telephone the

**Multi-Agency Safeguarding HUB (MASH)**

on 0121 303 1888 or

e-mail [MASH@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@birmingham.gov.uk)

Outside of normal office hours  
please call 0121 675 4806 for  
the Emergency Duty Team



# HELP

Being a parent isn't always easy.  
If you're struggling the NSPCC can help.  
Call 0808 800 5000. We're here 24/7.

## **Fruit for the café**

One of the contributions we ask parents to make is to bring fruit for the children to share in the café.

Please can children in

### **Caterpillars**

bring in a few pieces of fruit this week?

Next week that will be the turn of

### **Butterflies**



## **Makaton Signs**

We are continuing to use the signs we learnt last week for Road safety Week.

**Walking    Hold hands    Stop    Wait  
Listen**

Ask a member of staff to demonstrate them to you if you want to practise them at home.

## **Why teaching your children about staying safe online matters.**

From learning in class to playing games at home, children are doing more on the internet than ever before. However, just as in "real life", its important to make sure your child is staying safe online.

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) is a website dedicated to making sure all parents are only a click away from advice, tips and support about online safety for children. The information is divided into age-appropriate sections to help you talk to your child about the issues and technologies they'll come across online as they grow up. From setting your parental controls to teaching your child how to be a good friend online, you'll find a wealth of information so that you can spend less time researching and more time having fun with your family.

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