

Huttoft Nursery Learning Through Play
April 2018

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>This month as we welcome new families to Nursery we will be reminding ourselves of our 'Golden Rules'. In particular, we will be thinking about what it means to be a good friend. We are hoping that by the end of the month the branches of our Kindness Tree will be dripping with special leaves ☺</p>
<p>Communication and Language (Listening and Attention, Understanding and Speaking)</p> <p><i>What's in the bag?</i></p>	<p>I have been collecting lots of interesting objects over the Easter holiday and we will have much fun passing our feely bag around the circle guessing what's inside. As we talk about what we can feel the children will be developing their descriptive vocabulary "What might it be?!"</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Time for a Spring Clean! We will be putting on our waterproofs and wellies to make a start on tidying up our Outdoor Area! So please make sure that you send the children in with spare clothing just in case! During our quiet times we will be very busy in our 'Messy Area' creating some exciting new mobiles and wind socks for our canopied area ☺</p>
<p>Literacy</p> <p>SsSs</p>	<p>We will be having lots of fun playing games which will help us to tune in to the sound at the start of words. It is actually a very tricky skill to learn! During our first week back please could you help your child to find something that begins with the sound Sss... to bring into Nursery to help with one of our games – thank you ☺ I wonder how many different objects we will be able to find!</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>  <p>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10!</p>	<p>In our maths tray we have a lovely new farm role play area.... but ...Oh no! The animals have escaped and need rounding up! Old MacDonald has asked us to help ...he says that there should be 1 goat, 2 ewes, 4 lambs as well as 3 cows. Have we managed to find them all? Can someone count them again please to check that none are missing! How many animals do we have altogether?</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p> 	<p>As we tidy up our garden area we will be encouraging the children to look for signs of new growth. Indoors we will be sowing some beans which we will later plant out in our little vegetable garden; I wonder if they really will grow as high as Jack's bean stalk! We shall have to wait and see!</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> 	<p>We are looking forward to our weekly singing sessions with Ms Witney and our weekly music sessions with Ms Briggs! We really are so lucky to have the support of so many specialist teachers ☺ Donations of old saucepans, wooden spoons, metal keys, coconut shells would be very much appreciated as we are going to work together to make our outdoor music area more exciting than it already is!</p>

Things to do at home to support your child's learning:

- Make sure that word play with initial sounds is commonplace. Include lots of simple tongue twisters to ensure that your child enjoys experimenting with words that are alliterative. Use opportunities as they occur incidentally to make up tongue twisters by using your child's name, or objects that are of particular personal interest to them e.g. *David's dangerous dinosaur; Millie's marvellous, magic mittens.*
- Make meal times fun by thinking of alliterative words such as 'jungle juice', 'tasty tomatoes', 'leafy lettuce', 'crazy crackers'
- Play 'I Spy' together – find things that begin with s as in snake; a as in apple and t as in tap
- The children love it when I pretend to be forgetful – I am always losing things or forgetting how many of something I have –so that the children can help me find them, count them and write it down so that I don't forget again! You could do the same at home – it's really important that young children see us using maths in our everyday lives.

Please help us by:

- Ensuring that each item of your child's clothing is named – it is especially important at this time of the year when the children will be taking off and putting on cardigans, sweatshirts and coats.
- On sunny days please apply sun lotion to your child **before** arriving at nursery.