

Huttoft Nursery
Learning Through Play September 2017

Welcome to the start of a very exciting year ahead! This month our starting point for adult led activities is 'All About Me!' We will be learning that we are all different but equally special.

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>Each morning during 'Welcome Time' we will be singing new songs and playing fun games to help us to learn the names of our new friends. Who will we roll the ball to this time? In smaller groups with the help of Circle Time Teddy we will be discussing our Golden Rules and what they mean. They are: We are kind and gentle. We are helpful. We listen to each other. We share and take turns. We look after our books and toys. We walk inside.</p>
<p>Communication and Language</p>	<p>At story time we will enjoy joining in with stories with predictable texts and repeated refrains such as 'Don't Wake the Hare Bear!' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will have to listen very carefully at rhyme time too as Mrs Denton seems to have forgotten some of the words to our favourite nursery rhymes. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on the floor!?' That doesn't sound right!</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Each morning we will be having lots of fun at the 'Dough Disco'! When we will be moulding our dough in time to music. (this will help us to strengthen the muscles in our hands and fingers which we need to help us hold and control a pencil) Each lunch time in the hall we will be learning the words and performing actions to lots of new action songs. "The feet on my body can stamp and hop, stamp and hop..." What else could you we do?</p>
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Tuning into sounds around us! We will be playing lots of games in small groups to develop our listening skills and awareness of environmental sounds. Who can keep still and listen quietly for one whole minute!? What will we hear I wonder? Well it depends upon where we are of course! We will be talking about the marks as we draw, write and paint.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>This month we will be helping three of our friends celebrate their 4th birthdays! How old are you now? How old will you be on your next birthday? Can you find your special number on the number line? Can you make a cake out of our special scented play dough and decorate it with the correct number of candles?</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>The children will be using the Nursery iPod and camera to take photographs of their friends 😊</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> 	<p>In our role play area we will be setting up a hairdresser's salon. We will have lots of fun in role as both the customer and hairdresser. As we look in the mirror what do we see? What kind of hair do we have? Blond or dark? Short or long? Straight or curly? Or spiky? One pony tail or two? We will celebrate our similarities and differences 😊😊 Maybe we will look closely at our eyes too.....what colour are they?</p>

Fun things to do at home to support your child's learning:

- Each child will bring home a copy of 'Our Favourite Nursery Rhymes' book, for you to keep and share at home together. To help your child become a better listener have fun with rhymes at home any time of the day. Make deliberate silly mistakes eg 'Hickory, Dickory, **SOCK!**' your child will love correcting you! Encourage your child to make up alternatives. Remember, it is well proven that 'good rhymers make good readers!'
- Enjoy listening moments at home too! The children love them and you surely will too!
- Help your child to recognise and find their special number in places around the home as well as when you are out and about eg on the telephone, TV remote control
- Talk about what kind of hair style and colour eyes each member of your family has...does your child know what other parts of the face are called?

Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child brings a spare pair of clothing and if applicable enough nappies, 'pull ups' and wipes for the session 😊 We do not keep a stock of these items in the nursery.
- Please label your child's lunch bag & drinks flask as well as any coat or sweatshirt/cardigan. Unless your child can recognise his/her own name a little key ring that is special to your child is a very useful way of ensuring that your child can identify his/her own lunch bag 😊
- If your child does bring a toy into Nursery please make sure that it is small enough to be carried home to the gate in their back pack 😊