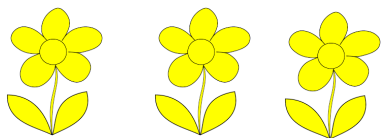




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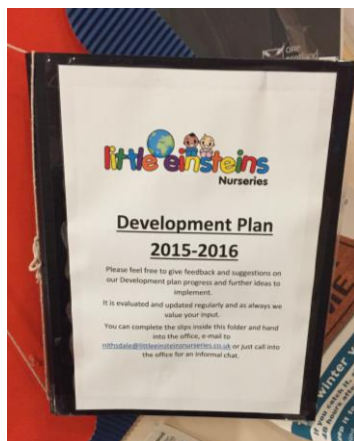


Children's Learning Journeys

You will all be familiar with your child's individual portfolio that we use to record your child's learning journey here at little Einsteins. We have now devised a new sheet that enables parents to write their comments on the observation that staff have made. This sheet can be completed on a monthly basis and will help us further include your views as we identify next steps for learning. Your child's key worker will introduce these sheets over the next month and we look forward to reading your comments.

Development Plan

Our most recent Development plan is displayed on the parent's notice board in the hallway. It is evaluated and updated regularly as we implement new ideas and progress forward. Please feel free to give us your feedback and we will take this into consideration when completing our evaluations. There are sheets available to complete or you can discuss verbally with any of the management team.



Parent Participation

As you know we like to involve parents in all that we do at Little Einsteins. If you are interested in coming in to take part in activities with the children, read a story or even share your job role with the children, then please speak to a member of staff to arrange a date and time.

Children's bags

Can you please bring in your child's belongings in a small bag that fits comfortably on the pegs. Space is limited and large bags makes it difficult for children to sit on the benches to get ready for indoor/outdoor play.



Recruitment

It has been some time since we updated our parent's recruitment panel. If you are interested in helping us with the selection process of new staff, please let the office know and we will add your name to the list.

Waterproof Clothing

We go to the garden even on wet and windy days so please send appropriate waterproof clothing to nursery.



Mother's Day

We will be having our annual Mother's day tea on Friday 4th March 3pm – 4pm. We hope you will be able to join us for a slice of cake. Sorry no prosecco or hot drinks but a small glass of juice might be available.



Reminder

All fees need to be paid by the 7th of each month. If you are part paying your fees with childcare vouchers, then these will need to be released at the start of the month to reach your account on time. Vouchers released at the end of the month will come off the following months fees. If you would like further information, please call into the office.

World Down's Syndrome Day

To help raise funds for Down's Syndrome Scotland the nursery will be taking part in the Lots of Socks Campaign which takes place on the 21st of March. On this day staff and children can wear whacky socks, odd socks or bright socks and can make a donation.



Important Dates for your diaries

Easter party –

Thursday 24th March 2014



Parent's evening –

Wednesday 18th May:

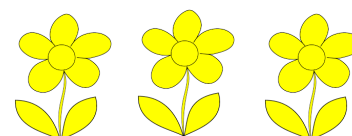
0-2 unit

Wednesday 25th May:

3-5 unit

Graduation –

Saturday 2nd July 2016



The Explorers

The Children in the Explorers room have been learning about "On the Farm." They have been using paints to make a farm scene, making horses, ducks and sheep. They have also been singing lots of different songs about animals, such as Old MacDonald, Horsey Horsey, Baa Baa Black sheep and spending time listening to stories and using the farm animal puppets.



Have a look at what is going on all around the nursery

The Discoverers

The Discoverers have been focusing on healthy eating/bodies for their topic.

They went out to the local fruit shop to buy some fruit which they then had a tasting session on. Some of the fruit that was picked by the children were passion fruit, raspberries, oranges and rhubarb.



The children have taken part in lots of messy activities during this topic too. They created healthy dinner plates. They also made healthy smoothies gluing different shapes and colours to represent fruit.

We took the children to the local park for exercising. They climbed onto the steps and came down the chute. Some went on the roundabout and were able to hold on as they went round.



Lots of physical play was planned to allow children to further their gross motor skills. Some activities were; walking along balancing beams, crawling through the tunnel and tent, soft play and building with large soft blocks. The children also got the opportunity to dress up in different fruit and vegetables in the role-play area.



The Investigators

The Investigators have been learning all about People Who Help Us. We have learned who we can call in an emergency and we are able to recognise these people, their vehicles and the type of jobs that they do. We sang lots of songs such as Miss Polly and 5 Little Fire Fighters.

We worked together to paint a Fire Engine for our role play area. We learned that fire engines carry lots of equipment like a hose and a ladder. We used our fire engine in our role play area and in the garden.



We used small world toys to draw different types of emergency vehicles. We learned there are different types of sirens for an ambulance, police car and fire engine.



We learned all about the job of a Police Officer. We used black paint to create finger prints that they use at the police station.

We used our role play area to learn how to contact the emergency services, 999 and played matching games to recognise the number 9.



The Inventors

The Inventors have been looking at "Science" as their Topic recently. During this topic the children were learning about our body, which involved doing a 'Heart Experiment'. Other experiments included 'making a volcano', (Farah's mum Tracey came in to help with this). 'How to make an egg float' this was suggested by Remi's mum and dad and cleaning pennies with salt and vinegar. The children also learned about electricity, during this they made static electricity using balloons.

