



24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **What we have been learning**

The children are particularly interested in 'open ended resources' and using them to extend their own play. The term 'open ended resources' refers to objects which can be used for any number of purposes, for example a box may become a car, a boat or a rocket! It really depends where the children's imagination takes them. This type of play enables our children to develop cognitively, physically, socially and emotionally.



The photo's above show the children using wood and other resources in a wide range of ways such as pretending to go skiing, constructing a city just for animals and to make drumsticks! The role of the adult during these activities is to encourage the children to explore their own thoughts and ideas by being warm, sensitive and interested 'play partners'.

### **What we will be learning this term**

We will continue to follow the children's interests both indoors and outdoors. The children have become increasingly independent when accessing and using art and craft resources and so we will continue to introduce interesting skills which allow them to be truly creative. We will encourage the children to think of ideas for activities and help them to realise their full potential when engaging in these activities.

During the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> June we will be taking small groups of school leavers to regularly visit the reception classrooms. We will be joining the reception children in their play in order to make the transition into school as seamless as possible.

I will be writing a 'report' which you will receive next term which will summarise your child's learning throughout the year based on the 7 areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these.

### **Kindergarten Survey**

A survey has been set up on Survey Monkey in order to gain vital feedback from you as parents. It would be very much appreciated if you could take the time to complete the online survey which can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XVZPGHZ>. The deadline for completing the survey is 16<sup>th</sup> June. I will provide feedback from the results after this date.

### **Reminders**

- The Kindergarten web page is now updated regularly with photographs of things we have been doing as well as hand-outs from any parent interaction sessions which you may have missed.
- There is not much time left until we finish for the Summer, so please let me know if you would like to come in and share a skill, hobby or talk about your job with the children.
- Please try and remember to bring a hat for your child which they can keep in their blue drawer during the day. We always have a box of spares but we find that the children prefer wearing their own.
- Please ensure all of your child's items are named. It is very hard to return things if we do not know who they belong to.

### **Important dates for your diary!**

- Parent interaction session's week commencing **12<sup>th</sup> June**. The focus this time will be Physical Development and will take place outside. Please sign up to whichever day suits you best.
- The school fete will now be on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**.
- We will be having a leaving 'graduation' for parents and all children on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am** followed by an end of year party (without parents until **11am**). More details to follow.
- Sports Day **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am**. All children are invited to this. Please let a member of staff know if you will be coming and your child does not normally attend on a Thursday.

Please remember that I am always available if you have any concerns or queries.

Kind regards

Gemma Howie

(Lead Practitioner)