

HOLY FAMILY NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Curriculum Notes



One of our topics this month is Toys. Through this popular topic we can explore the World Around Us theme of 'how things work'. The children are demonstrating their skills in 'caring for others' in our Toys Hospital as they tend to the sick teddies etc. We also will be reading to the children a range of stories about toys including *Corduroy Bear, Monkey and Me and A Friend for Little Bear and many others.*

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be noting how our choices can be similar or different. We will be talking about the toys we have at home, about looking after our toys and sharing with others. We will be talking about having toys for various reasons- for example a bedtime toy.

Language Development

We will have the experience of talking in a larger group and having the chance to describe a familiar thing-a favourite toy and a chance to express thoughts and feelings.

Physical Development

We will be using the outdoor large hollow blocks to make constructions. We will be practising throwing and catching with the quoits and soft balls. We will provide the opportunity for cutting and tearing in our collage work.

Early Mathematical Experiences

We will be encouraging and teaching the use of comparative and superlative language in play. We will be experimenting with materials in 'floating and sinking' and within this demonstrating that we can sort and categorize using various criteria.

The World Around Us

We will be naming the objects and materials in our floating and sinking experiments and having some fun as we will be encouraging the asking of questions, and showing that we can find out more about the world around us by looking and playing, by wondering and asking questions, and by using books to help us get answers. We will be looking some books and stories with light and dark as a theme. *If you have an old or unusual type of light, a lantern or torch for example, you may wish to send it in so we could share this with the children in the course of the session. Items sent in are always carefully stored away after we have had a good look and a chat about it.*

The Arts

We will be helping the children in making a model of their favourite toy or another 3D construction. We will be using our musical instruments and playing some games to encourage good listening and to help us recognise differences in the sounds of the instruments.

Show and Tell

The children may bring in a favourite toy for our 'show and tell' on Friday 18th November. This could, instead, be an old or unusual toy. The children are given the opportunity to show and, if they wish, to tell a little about the toy. This will be done in small groups to be as encouraging as possible to those children who find speaking in a group difficult. Any toys brought in will be carefully stored after 'show and tell' and returned to the children to take home at the end of the Nursery session.

Classroom Notes

Would you like to help us?

For our model making and other areas in the classroom we are collecting some materials. When you are clearing out a drawer or putting out your 'recycle stuff', or when you are out and about, you may come across some things that may be useful to us. Please see attached list if you would like to help.

Thank you

Happy November Birthday to

Vitalia Vidugiryte and Rhyanna Walsh



Mrs Mary Monaghan
Nursery Teacher