

September

newsletter



Our Learning

We have had the pleasure of welcoming a new cohort of children into the Parkhead Family this term. In doing so, we have been learning about each individual and the people and things that are special to them in our new focus of "Getting to know me!" Throughout the month, the children have been sharing who is in their family and what they look like, as well as discussing if we look like our families. During this, we have talked about which physical features we have that are similar to our family members and if these are similar to any of our peers. Also, we have been comparing our heights, likes and dislikes throughout our play. While learning about each other, the children have been participating in circle games, creative experiences, role playing experiences and focused story telling sessions on books about families.

Furthermore, our children have been sharing where they live and what their house is like. We have been exploring the community to try to find our house and using Google maps to help us. The children have then been creating their own maps and building their houses using a variety of play resources. During this, we have focused on "The 3 Little Pigs" story and tried to re-create their houses and re-tell the story using props that we have made.

Finally, throughout the term, the children have been supported to build new friendships while getting to know each other. We have focused on group opportunities for turn taking, fun trips to the play park, skate park and forest and learning about what makes a kind friend.

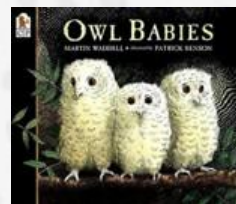
Book Nook

Try reading the "Owl Babies" story to encourage the discussion of families:

[Owl Babies](#)

Try reading "The 3 Little Pigs" story to see if your house is strong enough.

[Three Little Pigs \(3 Little Pigs \) | Bedtime Stories for Kids](#)



Music Time

These are some of the familiar songs that the children have shared are their favourite in nursery.

- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Wheels on the Bus
- Wind the Bobbin' up
- Sleeping Bunnies
- I had a Little Turtle



Please feel free to sing these at home with your children.

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Stay and Play

Date: Monday the 28th of September

Session 1: 10.15am – 11.15am

Session 2: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Theme: Big Bedtime Read

We will be having our first Stay and Play session of this term on the above date. This will be an opportunity for our parents or carers to come into the nursery to play with, read to and be part of the children's learning.

Each child can have 1 family member attend the session at a time due to the high number of children in our setting. If your child attends a full day session and attends that day, you can either choose which session you attend or have a different family member attend each one. If they do not attend that day, you can bring them in for the session and be part of this.

During the Stay and Play, a staff member will do a short presentation to explain the reasoning behind the Big Bedtime Read and then will encourage you to join in with your child. There will be book bags available on the tables at the top of the room and lots of stories available throughout the room. You can choose to take your child away with you at the end of the session or to come back for them.

Big Bedtime Read

In September, we will be re-launching the Big Bedtime Read for all of our families and children. This is where we offer book bags to families to take home to read together. There will be 3 books in each bag along with a feedback form to let us know which books you enjoyed the most. There is no time frame on how long you have the bags or how many times you borrow a pack. However, we do ask that you return the pack you have borrowed before taking another home. These will be found in the cloak room and families can help themselves to this. We will be hosting a Stay and Play session to celebrate this and share more information – see information on the left.

Home Learning Links

- Can you send some photos of your child's key family members to their Seesaw so we can discuss these and show them to our peers please?
- Can you read or look through a story together with your child each day?
- Can you and your child or your child and their sibling take a "selfie" together and talk about your similarities and differences and share these with the nursery please? We would love to see these!

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Parkhead Panda

In nursery, we have our very own mascot for children to take home to offer adventures known as Parkhead Panda.

Each week, 2 children will have the opportunity to take a Parkhead Panda and pack home with them to share their home adventures and experiences with. Each pack contains a few stories to read together, some clothes to help keep Parkhead Panda warm, a note book to record experiences and a SHANARRI prompt sheet which gives indicators of things you could do with Parkhead Panda.

Please feel free to share some photos on your child's Seesaw page and we will share this with the other children in the nursery. This will also be shared on the plasma screen in the cloakroom for our families to see. Please let us know if you do not want your child's photo on here.



Dates to Remember

Monday the 14th of September – Parkhead Panda launch

Friday the 18th of September – schools finish for September break

Monday the 21st of September – School closed – nursery open

Monday the 28th of September – Stay and Play – Big Bedtime Read re-launch

Gentle Reminders

- Please remember that all nursery children must be collected by 11.57am on a Friday.
- Please can you encourage your children to leave any toys from home, at home.
- Please can you check your child's bag regularly to make sure there are changes of clothes in there for your child and all things in the bag are appropriate for nursery.