

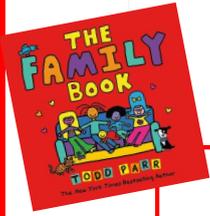
Nursery Newsletter 2

Autumn 1: Belonging to a Family

This term our theme is Belonging. During our first few weeks we've chatted about how we belong to Fairway School and its Nursery through to the simplest of ideas that some toys belong to Nursery/home, inside/outside down to belonging to an area or specific basket for tidy up time. These recent weeks we have talked more about what it means to be 'me' and belong to a family.

Activities from last week and this week have included:

- ◇ Creating an image of a face using loose parts toys—what features do you have on your face? How many? What shape? How do you change it to show a sadder face?
- ◇ Thinking about what makes me: what do I like to eat/do, what do I look like compared to others using the book *Who Are you?* By Smitri Halls to spark discussions
- ◇ Maths—sorting focus using objects from provision eg bigger/ smaller animals, sorting activity—creating colour pots, distinguishing different mark making equipment, sorting children by hair colour/gender/age
- ◇ Skeletons: my body has a skeleton of bones that helps me stand, move, dance. Through story, dance and information text children have been learning about their bodies and how we use them to explore the world.
- ◇ Early phonic skills— developing listening skills through games (don't wake the baby, talking about sounds in the environment, - are they loud/quiet, long/short, etc singing I hear thunder, Hickory,, dickory dock, Incy wincy spider
- ◇ Spiders—children have noticed and talked about spiders in homes and in the nursery so we've enhanced their learning to find out more with books, stories, puzzles, rhymes and spider web challenges!
- ◇ We encourage children to talk about their emotions—how do you feel? Talk or show what you need. Say "I don't like it/stop" seek help from an adult if you are sad/tired/need help
- ◇ Painting big colourful curved lines to make a rainbow—using painting equipment—we hope you like these, we think they look amazing!
- ◇ Drawing Club! This week children joined Drawing Club, it links stories and books with drawing, writing and mark making! Children learn more about characters, settings and new vocabulary! Our first book is *Love Makes a Family* and helps children make the link with what families do and the love they feel with their family. Our stand up vocabulary was together, celebrating., helping, caring, exploring, protecting
- ◇ Creating family images with stones –developing maths vocabulary eg bigger/smaller stones for bigger bodies/smaller heads based on the artwork of Erzsébet Szilajka
- ◇ Using different tools with guidance or independently eg chopping, painting with brushes, tweezers to pick out spiders from the spiders webs and sort the colour monster objects



Notes and Reminders:

Whole School Behaviour Systems introduced:

Smiley Face—when children all follow instructions or show great behaviour, we all get a small smiley face to fill the bigger face, when its all full we will discuss ways that we can celebrate!

Rainbow Chart—children's names move to the rainbow when they make good choices, following a number of warnings and distraction techniques, if after a number of warnings or distraction techniques dont help children's name will move down, this is used a visual reminder and most of the time children's names are moved straight back up if their choices are corrected. We know that young children often make behaviour mistakes and will always help them understand consequences or find a way to make it right so they can quickly move back onto Gold. Unless it is very serious or repeated we will not necessarily share with you so please dont worry too much if you hear your child say their name was moved down. If we haven't spoken to you it just means they are back on gold and making good choices again :-)

Label Clothes, Coats Lunch Boxes and Water Boxes Please

There's a lost property tray outside the Nursery Door for items that haven't made it back to their owner.

Medical and Dietary Needs

All medicine and inhalers must be registered with the office rather than handed over in Nursery.

If your child has had medication in the morning please let us know

If your child has dietary needs and you would like to move them to school dinners, you will need to see Miss Mason so she can support with altering the menu to suit.

PE will start on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 14th October

Children will need to come to school wearing their plain white or FairwayPE t-shirt, uniform jumper or cardigan, joggers/leggings and in the warmer months, shorts. This term's focus is travelling safely and in different ways, stopping, when asked.