

Royal Mile Early Years 2019-20 Newsletter 7

The children in the Calton Hill class have chosen to start their term learning about shops, food and where food comes from. We set up a shop to allow some fun role play and children have made shopping lists and some beautiful artwork for our dining room based on fruits and vegetables. We will also be continuing our work on supporting children with English as an additional language and acknowledging the many languages and cultures we have in our nursery rooms. We will be collecting resources from different countries, exposing children to various scripts and languages that their friends use at home and also focusing on being accepting, kind and welcoming.

We will start March with World Book Day and have several story related things happening over the whole month. We would really appreciate as many parents or carers as possible joining us for our trip to the library. We will focus our work around bedtime reading and all children will bring home their nursery lending library book and have the opportunity to join the Edinburgh City library service, if they haven't joined already. We will continue our reading of bedtime stories to support our work on kindness and multiculturalism too - staff love Julia Donaldson's new story 'The Smeds and The Smoos' and would like to do lots of activities around this story - There is a recording on BBC iplayer of actor David Schwimmer reading it as part of the cbeebies bedtime stories series which we would encourage you to watch at home if you can.

We have now received lots of new equipment for our nursery garden and are especially enjoying the new outlast blocks which allow us to make some amazing big structures alongside our big loose parts. Our new water tray is also proving to be very popular and we are aware that children have been getting themselves very wet, can we please make sure that all children have a suitable warm, waterproof coat and outdoor boots for nursery each day, please remember that we love to get muddy and messy and this is all part of the fun at nursery so please no clothing that needs to be kept clean. We have added a new set of coat pegs to try and relieve some of the congestion in the cloakroom but would appreciate if all children only kept **one small bag** with change of clothes and their coat on their peg.

Mrs Peoples and the Early Years Team

Important Dates:

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April - T2s Rhyme Time sessions, 9 - 9.30am.

Thursday 5th March 2.30PM - World Book Day - Special Storytime Session (Bedtime story read by a special guest) Adults are welcome to come and join us!

Tuesday 17th March, 1.30PM - Library Visit - Adults please accompany us to the library for a story session and to choose some books.

Thursday 19th March - Parent consultations, an opportunity for those with children in their pre school year to discuss their child's learning, please sign up for a suitable time.

Thursday 2nd April - Easter Stay and Play for NFTs room, 9 - 9.45am, come and start the day with a short play activity with your child.

Friday 3rd April - Finish for Easter Holiday.

Tuesday 21st April - All children return, 9AM.