



HOME LEARNING- OCTOBER 2013



At Greenshoots we like to provide a safe, stimulating and fun environment for your child. Although we have lots of fun we are very committed to the education of the children within our setting, so therefore we would like to provide you with some activities and ideas that your child will be taking part in at Greenshoots so that we can work closely with you as a partnership here at Greenshoots and at home.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

- Bikes and scooters-Physical development.
 - Parachute games with ball.
 - Outdoor games. 
- Bat and Ball games (hand-eye co-ordination).
 - Magic Painting.(just using water to paint)
- Mark making with chalks on chalk boards or on the decking floor and walls.
- Balancing games on different types of equipment.
 - Building with the big soft play.
 - Football games
 - Listening games- What are we able to hear?
- Using the school playground to help promote good gross motor skills.
- Making music in the outdoor environment with pots and pans and instruments.



INDOOR LEARNING

- Writing and Drawing Table/using scissors.
 - Threading beads (fine motor skills).
 - Magnetic alphabet letters
- Home corner/Dressing up (imaginative play).
 - Language games and counting games.
 - Construction- Blocks/train track/Lego etc
 - Small world play- Dolls house, farm house.
 - Dinosaur land theme 
 - Sand and water play
 - Mathematical games and working on mathematical concepts.
- Learning simple words in sign language such as please and thank you.

STORIES/ROLE PLAY

- Role play area is house/kitchen with dressing up clothes.
- Using resources such as pasta and rice which children can pretend to cook with in the pots and pans.
- Listening to a variety of stories with rhyming words.

Stories on the CD player include:-

 - *Crunching munching caterpillar
 - *Quiet
 - *Laura's star.

SONGS AND RHYMES

- A variety of nursery rhymes- Here are a couple of examples:-
 - 5 little speckled frogs
 - Baa Baa black sheep
 - Roly poly
 - Wind the bobbin up



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CREATIVE/MESSY

- A variety of messy activities some being:- Gloop, playdough for exploring textures.

A variety of painting techniques such as :-

Printing
Sponge painting
Hand painting

TOPICS

- All about me – Learning about our new friends at pre-school.
- Activities relating to Autumn.



Here are some more ideas on how you can support your child's learning at home with what we are covering here at Greenshoots.

- There is a copy of some of the sign language that we will teach the children for you to help with this at home.
- We have also attached a recipe on how to make play dough at home.
- We have set up a music and song bag that we thought you would like to share with your child at home. It will be given out in turn and then your child will be able to feed back to friends about what they did at home with family.
- Celebrate your child's learning at home. Ask a member of staff for a wow certificate when you want your child to be praised for their achievements. This can be shared with your child's key person and can be placed in their learning journey.

Talking Tip : Share a book together every day

- **Let me take the lead. Don't worry if I turn several pages at once.**
- **Lift the flap books help me concentrate.**
- **It's OK to just talk about the pictures - I don't need the whole book.**
- **I love to have the same book over and over again.**

If you have any questions or would like further ideas please speak to your child's **KEYPERSON**, who is