



HOME LEARNING March 2014



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.
 - Building with the big soft play.
- Making different types of transport out of boxes and crates - Imaginative skills.
- Hoop target game-helping to promote hand-eye-co-ordination.
 - Growing plants.



INDOOR LEARNING

- Writing and Drawing Table - using scissors.
 - Threading beads (fine motor skills).
 - Magnetic alphabet letters.
 - Book corner.
- Language games and counting games.
- Construction- Blocks/train track/Lego etc
- Small world play - Dolls house, farm set.

STORIES/ROLE PLAY

- Stories relating to growing and healthy eating.
- Stories which have rhyming words.
 - Story of Goldilocks and the
 - Three Bears using Makaton.
 - New: Bilingual story books.
- Listening to stories on the CD player- New ones including 'The Very Lazy Ladybird' and Talking Stories on the computer including 'Some Dogs Do' and 'Owl Babies'

SONGS AND RHYMES

- Variety of common nursery rhymes. For example 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear' – relating to story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. 'Mary Mary Quite Contrary' and 'Ring A Ring O-Roses' relating to our growing and plants topic.

CREATIVE/MESSY

- Taking part in opportunities to plant seeds and look after them.
 - Exploring sand and water.
- A variety of painting, gluing and sticking activities.
- Using recyclable materials to create models.

INDOOR LEARNING

New: Builders work bench

New: Babies Bath and accessories

New: Washing line and Ironing board

- Puppets and puppet theatre to help imagination skills and storytelling.

- I-pads and computer skills. Including visits to the school ICT suite.

- Using the school hall to help promote good gross motor skills.

- Letters and sounds group time activities- Adult Led

(Variety of activities involving musical instruments, rhyming games, sound discrimination and listening games).

Helping communication and language development.



TOPICS

- Growing and Healthy Eating

Children will learn new vocabulary, try different healthy foods, grow some plants and participate in a variety of activities relating to this topic.

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears story where children will learn the Makaton signs and help act out and retell the story. We have also changed our role play area into the Three Bears house to encourage the retelling of the story during free choice play.

- We will also be trialling Forrest Schools at the Allotment or Valley. A letter with more information will follow.

- This month we will also be participating in activities relating to Easter, Mother's Day and Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day).

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

- Perhaps you and your child could plant your own seeds at home! Whether you have a garden, window box or hanging basket you could plant some daffodil bulbs, vegetable plants or even cress seeds on a window sill. Talk to your child about what plants need to survive and encourage them to help water them. You could take photos to show the changes in growth and your child could bring them or the finished article into Preschool to show and tell.



- Help your child to be as independent as possible.

Encouraging them to put on own coat, pour own drink, use knife and fork effectively and putting own shoes on etc.

If you have any questions or would like further ideas please speak to your child's

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