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Small Talkers today are tomorrow's future

The government has recently appointed a communications champion, to help readdress the language and communication problems within society today.

Speaking about the appointment Ed Balls said:

"Speech, language and communication are crucial to every child's ability to access and get the most out of education and life.

Our view is also that communication is fundamental to early learning and confidence. We have therefore enlisted the services again of Libby Hill, a private Speech and Language therapist, from Smalltalk to devise us a specialist program. This helps staff to assess and improve their own skills when developing children's speech and language. The program also ensures the staff introduce children's signing as necessary.

If you are interested in what you child's language skills should be you can look at the small talk website which lists certain skills children can be working towards from ages 0-5 on the hyperlink below.

http://www.smalltalklanguagegroups.co.uk/language_development.htm

At Horn End we promote the use of sign language with all children; we also ensure all rooms are language and literacy rich environments, filled with words, and books, to develop children's new ideas and growing minds.

We have recently achieved a quality award from the education authority for improving children's speech and language skills. We are due to receive the certificate in February and will tell you more in our next newsletter.

One of the outcomes of this development is that we have recently adapted our communication policy in nursery to include daily signing with the children as this promotes speech development at a very early age.

Special points of interest

- ∅ Small talkers
- ∅ Activities and special days
- ∅ Stay and play
- ∅ 5 Stars Award

Stay and Play

It was lovely to see so many parents taking the opportunity to stay and play last month. We plan to have a stay and play day every month. Our next stay and play will be Monday 15th February 2010 from 8.00-9.00 am

If the dates or times are not convenient to you don't worry parents are welcome anytime. Just give me a call.

Emma

Deciding to make the most of the snow and engaging in spontaneous outdoor play, Grace and her friends had a lovely time making snow men with her friends.



Monday 8th

Tommy Thumbs will be baking a black and white marble cake.

Tuesday 9th

Toby Talls will be making boats

Thursday 11th

Tommy Thumbs will be looking at black and white photographs

Friday 12th

All the children will be taking part in Valentines Day activities

Monday 15th

The children will be celebrating Chinese New Year

Tuesday 16th

All the children in nursery will be taking part in Pancake Day celebrations

Friday 19th

Toby Talls will be making clouds

Tuesday 23rd

Baby Smalls are going to be playing with feathers

Wednesday 24th

Toby Talls will be having a trip to the park to see the ducks

Friday 26th

Baby Smalls will be making a black and white discovery box

Tommy thumbs will be having a black and white day please can all the Tommy's come dressed in black and white



susie was very excited to bake pizza in Baby Smalls. Choosing different toppings ,making decisions and learning new processes was very stimulating for all the babies

TOP AWARD FOR HYGIENE

The Environmental Health Food Team inspected the nursery on 17th December 2009

The purpose of the inspection is to help Horn End Rugeley to comply with the following legislation:-

- Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006
- Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004 Hygiene of Foodstuffs
- Food Safety Act 1990
- The General Food Regulations 2004

Overview

We were congratulated on the high standards found and have been awarded a 5 star rating by "rate my place". Rate my place is a partnership between Staffordshire local authorities to publish details of food safety inspections across the county. The system is based on a star rating, which is calculated by taking into account how hygienic the premises are, whether they take into account recognised food hygiene practices and how much confidence the inspector has in the management to keep their premises up to standard. One star is the lowest and five is the highest.

Horn End Nursery Premises At
Lamascote Road, Stafford, Egg Lane, Hixon,
& Wharf Road, Rugeley.

We can now e-mail photos to you of your child at nursery. Please make sure we have your correct email address

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