



Grafton Childcare

People Who Help Us - Monday 20th March - Friday 7th April

20th - 24th March
2017

Phonics Pots

20th March - Red and yellow (Fire Fighters)

27th March- Blue and Yellow (Police Officers)

3rd April- Green and Yellow (Paramedics & Surgeons)

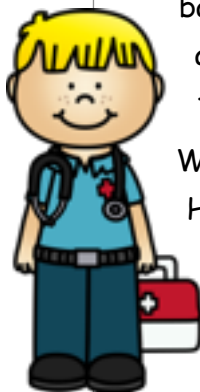
Red Nose Day

Our main activities will take place on Monday 20th, Wednesday 22nd & Red Nose Day itself Friday 24th March.

Why not Dress up as your favourite nose or wear lots of red on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. For a donation of £1.

We will be making 'Nose It All Brainbooster Smoothies' for AM & PM snack.

Snot Wraps, Sneezecakes Cheesecakes & Red Nose Day Muffins. If your child would like take home their creations, then please could we have a £1



Understanding the World

People & Communities,
The World & Technology



During circle time we will be taking the opportunity to discuss with the children, about lots of people with different occupations. Also discussing how our family members help us. This will link nicely into our small world play, using our Tolo Toys, Plan City and Community Playthings wooden vehicles.

For the under two's we shall be focusing on sensory activities which will provide opportunities to look for hidden objects. For example hiding the treasure basket items in some shaving foam. This activity will allow children to explore objects by linking together different approaches.

We shall be using the Ipad to research "People Who Help Us" to extend our learning. During this time we shall be reinforcing the children's safety on the internet.

This week we shall also be talking about red nose day and discussing different cultures and how we can help others who may need a little hand.

27th - 31st March - 2017

Please note..

As we are approaching the warmer weather, could we please ask that your children's Grafton bags are fully stocked with extra clothes. Ensuring your child's Daily Diaries or Communication Booklets are regularly checked, and the monthly My Favourite Things Pages, Medication request pages and Existing Injuries pages have been fully completed and signed please, thank you.



Photos please..

Throughout this topic we will be sharing at circle time pictures of "People Who Help Us" - please send in a photo of mummies and daddies or family members who may help us in our community. Thank you.



Email Denise with photos if you have no access to a printer and we can print them to add to our wall displays.



Expressive Arts & Design

Exploring & Using Media & Materials Being Imaginative

During this topic we shall be creating our "People Who Help Us" display using a range of mixed materials and different textures. As well as creating a range of giant emergency service vehicles to display around the playroom. Also using our various emergency vehicles to make tracks through paint.

Linking to our understanding of the world focus, we shall be offering lots of sensory experiences to enable the children to notice and become interested in the marks they make. Such as making marks in sensory sand and shaving foam.

This will also encourage the children to think about and develop their language when describing various textures.

Through exploring our role play areas, this will allow our toddlers to express themselves through physical action and sounds.

Using our outdoor Community Playthings wooden blocks alongside our tools for the children to construct, create and adapt different spaces.

This activity leads the children in imitating and acting out experiences they may have observed in the community. e.g creating a Garage, Vets, Opticians, Dr's Surgery etc.



3rd - 7th April 2017

Communication and Language

Listening and Attention, Understanding & Speaking

Circle time will provide a calm place for children to discuss and explore stories about family members and people who help us in the community, and also promoting listening to one another. This is an opportunity for children to speak confidently and freely about their home life in front of their peers.

We will be exploiting lots of language opportunities as they arise by discussing as much as possible linked to our topic "People Who Help Us", and using them to help instigate our role play scenarios - such as the Grafton Bears and their different occupational outfits. We will also using the technology toys alongside to extend role play opportunities.

We will be playing board games such as our sound track game to encourage concentration and listening skills. Playing board games will also encourage turn taking and playing alongside each other. As well as our emergency service puzzles, to promote team work and discussions with peers.

Pegged puzzles for the toddlers are a great way to promote understanding simple instructions and sentences.

Lastly, lots of rhyme time and stories! During these times we will be using finger puppets and musical instruments, encouraging the children to join in as well as using their 'listening ears' to respond to simple instrument instructions - such as 'shake loudly' 'shake softly' etc.

Phonics Pots

Remember to keep sending in your child's Phonics Pot each week, during this topic please could you child fill their pot with items they have found at home matching the following colours, thank you. If you have lost your pot, just let us know and we can supply you with a new one, so that your child can take part. Remember all items need to fit inside their pots please.

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Grafton Childcare's Short Term Topics & Themes
Spring Term (2) & Summer Term (1)

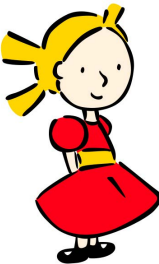
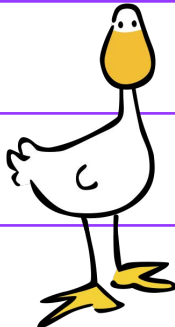
People Who Help Us

20 World Storytelling Day	21 	22	23 	RED NOSE DAY 24
27 (26th) Mother's Day 	28	29	30	31


April - NO Early Years Funding next week for term-time only children

3	4	5	6 National Tartan Day	7 World Health Day
10 Grafton is Closed	11 Grafton is Closed	12 Grafton is Closed	13 Grafton is Closed	14 Good Friday

Goose and Sophie

17 Easter Monday Closed	18 Summer Term Begins	19 	20	21
24	25	26	27 	28
1 May Day Bank Holiday Closed	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12

Transport

15	16 	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

May - NO Early Years Funding next week for term-time only children

29 Spring Bank Holiday Closed	30	31	1	2
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