



Grafton Childcare

The Lighthouse Keeper - Monday 3rd - Friday 28th July 2017

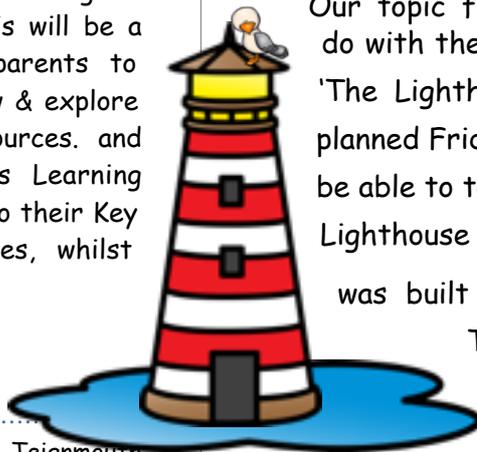
3rd - 7th July 2017

Stay, Play & Chat

On Saturday 8th July - 10 am - 12 pm, we are having an Open Morning. This will be a chance for our parents to come along to view & explore Grafton's new resources, and view their child's Learning Journal and Chat to their Key Worker or Buddies, whilst the children Play.

Trip to Teignmouth

We are all off to Teignmouth for the day. But Schnitzel, Strudel and Pretzel will remain on guard duty back at Grafton with Andy. We're leaving Grafton to catch the train to Teignmouth just after 9 am and aim to be back at Nursery by 4 pm. Please don't arrive to collect your children before 4 pm, so that we have time to catch our breath and dust the sand from between our toes. Lets hope the weather is warm but not too sunny. Remember to send your children in beach friendly clothing and with their first dose of sun cream having been applied.



Understanding the World

People & Communities: The World: Technology: The Lighthouse Keeper:

Our topic for July is based around all things to do with the 1977 classic book by Ronda Armitage, 'The Lighthouse Keeper'. Which is why we have planned Friday's trip to Teignmouth, so that we will be able to take the children along to see the little Lighthouse situated on the edge of The Den which was built in 1845 to aid the vessels entering Teignmouth.

Remember to check out our blog for in depth details of our plans, which we will upload each weekend for the week

ahead. www.wordpress.graftonchildcare.com

During this week the children will be using our iPad as part of our Technology aspect to research a bit more of the history around the building of the Teignmouth Lighthouse as well as learning about some other Lighthouses around the UK.

The children will be enjoying lots of small world play and role play in the Kid's Shed with a Lighthouse slant. Outside they will be enjoying some small world play with our sandpit filled with its fresh supply of sand.



10th - 14th July 2017

Phonics Pots - Colour Focus

3rd July - Red

10th July - White

17th July - Yellow

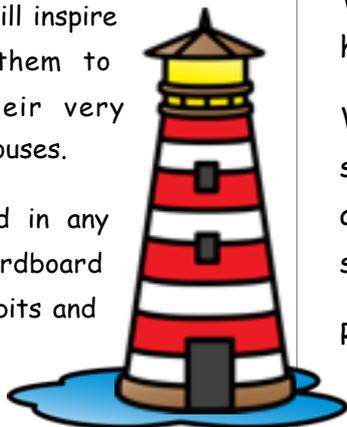
24th July - Blue

Lighthouse themed items must fit inside your child's Phonics Pot, thank you.

Lighthouse Junk Modelling

The children will be enjoying some more junk modelling this month. We are hoping that after last weeks trip to Teignmouth when we visited Teignmouth Lighthouse, that this will inspire some of them to create their very own Lighthouses.

Please send in any 'strong' cardboard tubes and bits and bobs you think the children may find useful, thank you.



Thank You

Could we say a huge thank you to Ollie's Grandma for the fresh parsley & Anna's Mummy who very kindly donated four small stainless steel teapots, which she found in the back of a kitchen cupboard. They were spot on to be been added to the new water resources which the children are enjoying.



Expressive Arts & Design

Exploring & Using Media & Materials: Being Imaginative: The Lighthouse Keeper:

The children will be 'being imaginative' this week using the Kid's Shed as a base, we are hoping to transform it into a Lighthouse - lots of imagination will be needed as well as a pulley and a small basket for transporting 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'.



We will of course enjoy exploring the properties of both water and sand outside in our Sand Tray and Water Centre in the front gardens, both of which will have a 'Lighthouse Keeper' focus.

We have some sensory media exploration planned with shaving foam and blue spaghetti, printing with sponges and shells. We hope the children will have collected some shells during our trip to Teignmouth last week.

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Recommendations are always best!

We still have a handful of spaces to fill in September. So..... if you have any friends or family who might be looking for Flexible Family Based Childcare please give a shout out for us here at Grafton Childcare.

Remember as a thank you we give recommenders a £25 M&S Voucher once the children start with us. As they say recommendation is always the best form of Advertising.

We would like to thank Henry's Mummy & Daddy who have just received a voucher after little Penelope recently joined us.

17th - 21st July 2017

Updating Parental Information

We are aware that some of our families have moved house, changed mobile telephones, and moved jobs etc since they may have last completed a full set of Child and Parental Information forms for us. Many of you have been great and kept us up to date of these changes via your child's Daily Diary or Communication Booklets which is fantastic, thank you.

As you know your first point of contact should parents need to contact us during your normal working day is our landline the number of which is 01626 355066. We also have a mobile telephone which we take out with ourselves whenever we leave the house with the children, for example when we all went to Teignmouth for the day recently. Its number is 07598827463. Our mobile telephone is **only** switched on when we go out and about on trips so please don't send texts or leave messages on our mobile number because it may not be seen for up to a fortnight! Always use our landline for all messages e.g..

- Informing us your child is not attending, for whatever reason.
- Letting us you are stuck in traffic and may be late.
- Informing us that somebody from your list of emergency contacts is collecting your child.

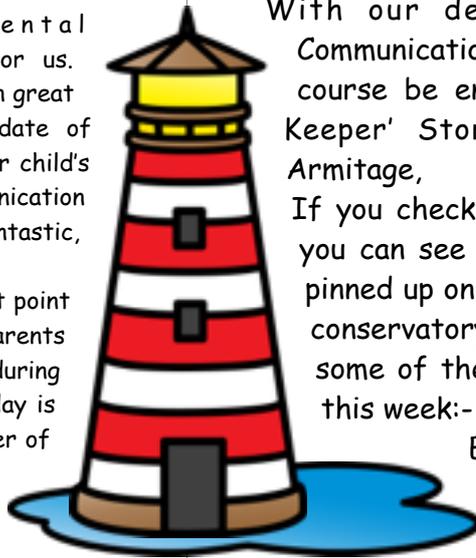
Grafton Childcare's
Emergency Mobile Number is
07598827463

We **only** use this number to contact Parents' if needed when we are out on trips & not for day to day communications. Please use our Landline 01626 355066.



Communication & Language Development

Listening & Attention: Understanding: Speaking: Writing: The Lighthouse Keeper.



With our development focus this week on Communication & Language Development we will of course be enjoying our set of 'The Lighthouse Keeper' Stories with the children by Ronda Armitage,

If you check out this weeks planning sheet which you can see on our weekly blog, or view the copy pinned up on the 'Parents Notice Board' beside the conservatory you will see that we have planned some of the following activities for the children this week:-

Exploring the Science properties of 'floating and sinking', using of course our new 'Water Activity Centre' in the front garden.

Small World Role-play with a 'Lighthouse' slant with our Happilyland sets.

Creating our own 'Lighthouses' with our Community Playthings Wooden Blocks.

A creative Baking Session, where we help the children to develop their Communication and Language skills especially the Aspects of Listening and Attention.

Lots of 'Finger Gym' activities using our Padlocks, Twizzers and Pegs, all fabulous fun and vital for developing those all important 'Fine Motor Skills' needed for school readiness.

The children will be creating their own Fruit Smoothies Ice Lollies with lots of strawberries and other fresh fruits.

The little ones will be enjoying the chance to explore through our Treasure Baskets and find the hidden sea creatures which we have included in them to add another dimension.



24th - 28th July 2017

Existing Injuries & Well Stocked Bags

Could we remind all parents about our Existing Injuries pages which can be found between pages 26 - 33 of our Daily Dairies and between pages 13 - 23 of our Communication Booklets. We have had a spate of children arriving with very visible cuts, bumps and bruises which they had sustained at home and it has not been recorded how these were caused in their Daily Diaries or Communication Booklets. These pages **must** be used to record any injury sustained by your children when they are **not** in the care of Grafton Childcare. This is a requirement of our Registration with Ofsted. Failure to comply with this policy could result in care being declined for your child until a form is completed.

Also please remember that if you should forget your child's bag (packed with spare clothes, nappies, lotions and potions etc) or your child's Daily Diary or Communication Booklet then sadly we shall also have to turn away your child.

It is very upsetting for a child who might have a slight mishap and need changing into clean clothes if we have not been supplied with their bag in the morning fully stocked with clean clothes, nappies. Sadly we simply do not have the room to keep any spare clothing on the premises, apart from what your child brings daily in their 'Grafton Bag'. Last week we had to call a number of parents to come and drop off extra emergency supplies.



Physical Development

Moving & Handling: Health & Self-care: The Lighthouse Keeper

This is the final week of our topic 'The Lighthouse Keeper' with a focus this week on Physical Development.

The children have really enjoyed using our 'Kids Shed' which we have all used our imaginations to recreate it as 'The Lighthouse' from the stories.

They have also been enjoying using our pulley system which we have set up from the 'Kids Shed' so that the children have been able to transport the Lighthouse Keepers Lunch, Dinner & Tea across the playground.

This has involved lots of team work, cooperation and 'big muscles', too transport their baskets across the playground from 'The Lighthouse' to their 'Boat'.

Keep your eyes peeled for the brilliant photos which we shall be popping up in our blog.

If you check out this weeks planning sheet which you can see on our weekly blog, or view the copy pinned up on the 'Parents Notice Board' beside the conservatory you will see that we have planned just a few of the following activities for the children this week are:-

Finger Gym Fun with our set of large chunky wooden stencils. Creating our 'Boat' in the playground with our Community Playthings Wooden Blocks.

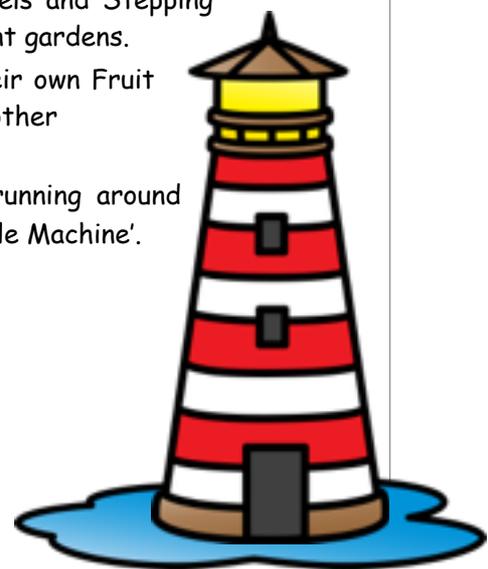
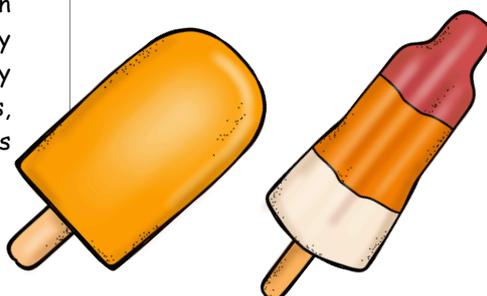
Adding our collection of small world play 'sea creatures' to our 'Water Centre' in the front garden.

Practicing our fine motor skills with some phonics work on writing our names.

Of course using our Slide, Tunnels and Stepping Stones in the playground and front gardens.

The children will be creating their own Fruit Ice Lollies with lots of kiwi and other fresh fruits.

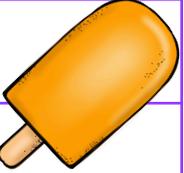
The under 2's will be enjoying running around after the bubbles from our 'Bubble Machine'.



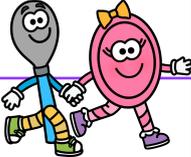
Grafton Childcare's Short Term Topics & Themes Summer/Autumn Term (4)

The Lighthouse Keeper					
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Friday 14th July is the end of the Summer Term for 'most' of our 'Term Time Only', funded children. If you would like your TTO child to attend between Monday 17th July and Friday 25th August, then full fees will apply at £4.55 per hour. All places must be booked by Friday 14th July.

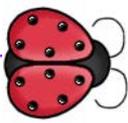
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Favourite Nursery Rhymes

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Monday 28th August - Friday 1st September - Grafton Childcare will be closed for our Summer Holiday and reopen on Monday 4th September for the beginning of the Autumn Term 2017.

Mad About Minibeasts

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Mon. 2nd - Fri. 6th October 'Headcount Week' for Funded Children Attendance is essential to secure funding