



# Grafton Childcare

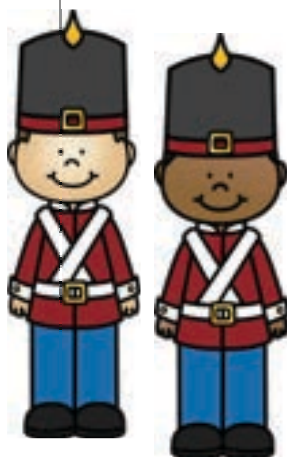
**Favourite Nursery Rhymes - Monday 31st July - Friday 25th August 2017**

**31st July - 4th August 2017**

## Facebook Update

Following amazing feedback we received from our Stay, Play & Chat which we held on Saturday 9th July we are developing how we use Grafton Childcare's Facebook page. We shall be using it much more as a means of sharing information, snippets, documents from Ofsted and the DoFE as well as photo collages of our vast array of equipment and resources we are blessed to have here at Grafton Childcare and most importantly how we use them! Other things which came out of our Stay, Play & Chat were that:-

- 1) Some of our Dad's didn't realise just how large Grafton Childcare was from the inside.
- 2) Stunned at just how much information we record in the children's learning journals.
- 3) Amazed at our vast array of equipment, resources & were very jealous of Denise's storage systems!



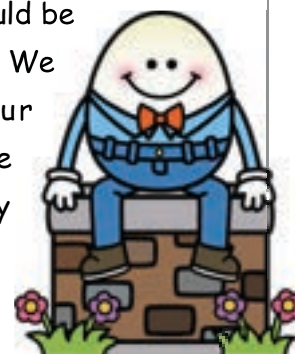
## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Self-confidence & Self-awareness: Managing Feelings & Behaviour: Making Relationships:

Our topic for August is going to be based on our 'Favourite Nursery Rhymes'. As always please 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](http://www.wordpress.graftonchildcare.com)

During this week the children will be learning, recalling and singing a vast array of our Favourite Nursery Rhymes during our Rhyme Time sessions. Most Nursery Rhymes have a hidden message often linked to various aspects of Personal, Social and Emotional Development and we will be exploring these using our Finger Puppets, Musical Instruments and Role-play to bring them to life.

We will also be creating little Humpty Dumpties to start off our Nursery Rhyme topic. If you have any old newspapers which you could spare that would be wonderful, thank you. We shall be hanging our Humpties up in the conservatory once they are all completed.



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### Phonics Pots - Rhyme Focus

31st July - Baa Baa Black Sheep

7th Aug - Hey Diddle Diddle

14th Aug - Little Miss Muffet

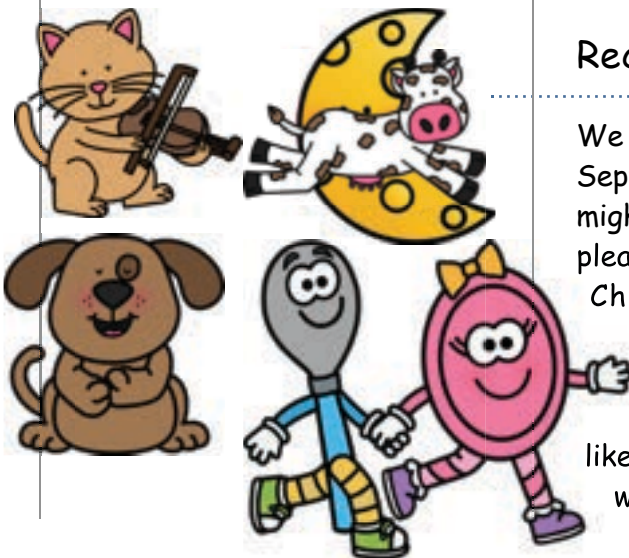
21st August - Twinkle Twinkle

Hopefully nice and simple for you all this month Nursery Rhyme themed items should fit inside your child's Phonics Pot, thank you.

### Thank You

Could we say a huge thank you to Vi's, Jamie's, Ollie's, Max's & Lilah's Mummies and Daddies who very kindly donated an assortment of stainless steel and galvanised pots & pans for the children to enjoy in our new Water Centre.

Also thank you to Maggie's, Elodie's and Avery's Mummies and Daddies for the donations of books, tea towels, cuddly toys and coloured till rolls. All your donations are always very gratefully received.



## Literacy Development

### Reading and Writing:

With our developmental focus this week on Literacy and the aspects of Reading and Writing, we shall enjoy reading our collection of books we loaned from Newton Abbot Library in July, all of which are linked to our Nursery Rhymes topic.

If you check inside your child's blue 'Going Home Book Bag Reading Record' folder you should find a copy of a little booklet of the most common nursery rhymes which we are learning, recalling and singing with the children this month. We shall be singing them during our daily 'Rhyme Time' sessions. It would be lovely if you could read or if you are brave enough sing some of them together with your children, to support their learning.

This week we have also planned to create some Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars and Incy Wincy's Cobwebs to start our Favourite Nursery Rhyme display which will be going up in the Playroom.

The children will be honing their early writing skills whilst enjoying lots of water painting outside and mark making with our stencils. As always please remember to check out our blog for in depth details of our plans, which we will upload each weekend for the week ahead.

### Recommendations are always best!

We still have a few Preschool spaces to fill in September. 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 here. As they say recommendation is always the best form of Advertising. We would like to thank Zoe who will shortly receive a voucher when her little friend joins.

Find our blog at [www.wordpress.graftonchildcare.com](http://www.wordpress.graftonchildcare.com)

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### Mathematics at Home

When out on a walk to town or the park, find a leaf and see if your child can find one the same shape or the same colour. Encourage your child to sort their socks into pairs with you and play matching pairs games either with shop bought sets of cards or pictures of your own printed from the computer.

We highly recommend the Orchard Toys range of games. Austins in Newton Abbot stock pretty much the whole range and you can often pick them up second hand in charity shops or car boot sales. Orchard Toys also have a great service where if you lose a piece they have a free replacement service and you can also download instructions from their website if you buy a second hand game and some bits are missing.

### Phonics Pots - Nursery Rhymes

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## Mathematic Development

### Shape Space & Measure, Number:

With our developmental focus this week on Mathematics and the aspects of Shape, Space and Measure and Number, we shall enjoy introducing to the children the concept of 'Measure' outside in our front garden's dedicated Mathematics area. You may have noticed our new large hanging scales attached to our fence, as well as our vintage scales recently refurbished by Phil which along with all of our various new stainless steel and galvanised containers now add a real hands on approach to the children discovering the language of 'Measure'. As well as providing a gentle introduction to Mathematical concepts such as heavy, light, full, empty, half, third, quarter and of course numbers, with the prompts provided by our new 0-30 slate number tiles attached to the fences.



We will also be enjoying a selection of our various Nursery Rhyme inspired giant floor puzzles for our Over 2's and lovely wooden pegged puzzles for our babies to explore and investigate. Both will provide many opportunities for the children to learn, sing and discuss the various Nursery Rhymes which are depicted, whilst embedding the concept of the aspect of Shape and Space.

Our Preschoolers will be taking part in lots of planned lessons in small groups of three and four children in the 'Classroom'. Using our Number Tiles, Sorting Toys and our Maths Soundtrack Game as part of our final focus on a gentle introduction to Classroom situations in readiness for them starting school in September.

21st - 25th August - 2017

Understanding the World  
- at Home

Listening to and responding to your child's questions about the world. Building on their natural curiosity is what early science is about so don't be afraid to say 'I don't know, let's see if we can find out'. You will not be expected to know all of the answers!

Give your child exciting sensory experiences in their play at home. For example, add fruit teas or cereals to home-made play dough, or give them some spoons and bowls and ask them to help you to mix the ingredients for a cake. Letting children play with their favourite plastic toys in the bath (without batteries of course) is an excellent way of exploring floating, sinking and the pouring properties of water.

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# Understanding the World

People and Communities: The World: Technology:

The children will be taking it is turns to use our iPads to access our Nursery Rhyme apps which are always a highlight with our Preschoolers. It would be lovely to know what apps your children may enjoy using at home, why not pop it onto the 'My Favourite Things' page for August in your child's Daily Dairy or Communication Booklet. Lara can then check them out and if she thinks they may be suitable for Early Years then we can load them onto our iPads for the children to use here at Grafton Childcare.

We will be enjoying lots of role-play in both role-play areas outside in the kid's shed and inside on our large landing area just outside the kids classroom. Plus of course lots of small world play with our Happilyland and Tolo toys, using our Nursery Rhymes topic for inspiration. Hmm lets see what we can come up with using Incy Wincy, Jack and Jill and Little Boy Blue for inspiration!


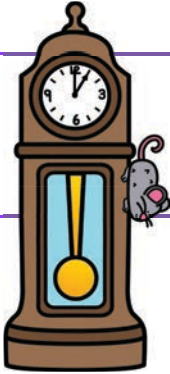


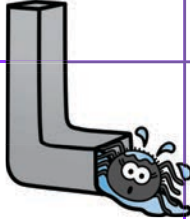
Gary has some great messy play planned with some gloop, Baa Baa Black Sheep and Hey Diddle Diddle, which should all make the Little Dog laugh!

We would love to strengthen the positive impressions children have of their own cultures and faiths, and those of others in their community, by sharing and celebrating a range of practices and special events, we do this by encouraging your child to bring in their 'Wow Cards' which we share daily during 'Circle Time.'

## Grafton Childcare's Summer Holidays

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. We hope you all enjoy our short break we look forward to seeing you all in soon.

**Grafton Childcare's Short Term Topics & Themes**  
**Summer/Autumn Term (5)**

<b>Favourite Nursery Rhymes</b>				
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7	8 	9	10	11 
14 	15	16	17	18
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**Mad About Minibeasts**

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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21 	22
25	26	27	28	29

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