

Short Term Planning for July/August 2010

We are sharing this Short Term Planning sheet for your info, as part of our ongoing working in Partnership with Parents. Parents can help us by regularly completing the "My Favourite Things In... Have Been" pages and Parent Quick Note sections, remember the info which you supply helps us to specifically gear our plans towards the current interests and developmental needs of your own child.

Please remember to read your child's Daily Childcare Report page each day and **initial and date at the top** so that we know you have done so. Any comments should be written in the Parent Quick Note sections at the front of the books. Our mini child led focus over the next few weeks will be Holidays, Travel and Journeys, following parental feedback.

We have planned a whole host of activities for the children including just a few of the following items listed below. All of which will nicely link into Physical Development, & Knowledge & Understanding of the World which will be our Developmental Matters, Skills & Processes focus for the whole of the Summer. Watch out for those codes! Note when your child's Keyworker is on Annual Leave, this will mean that another member of staff will be completing your child's pages whilst they are away.

The Trips to Teignmouth & Torquay are provisional dates and need to be confirmed!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 Creating a Huge Sun & Umbrella	20 Focus on Weather activities	21 Journeys, around local Parks to check out the trees	22 Journeys, around local Parks to check out the trees	23 End of Term for Early Years Entitlement Funded Children
26 Lets send somebody a postcard!	27 Journeys, by rail or bus	28 Let make our own Passports	29	30 Closed Whilst New Windows & Doors Are Fitted
2 Lets talk about your families holiday plans.	3 Sun Safety	4 Trip to Teignmouth on the Train, home at 4pm ish!	5 Lets Make our Own Beach Huts	6
9 Packing our Suitcases	10	11	12 Lets go Camping	13
16 Holiday Fun For Grafton Bear.	17 Water Safety	18 Trip to Living Coasts in Torquay, home at 4pm ish.	19	20 Lets go Caravanning
23 Roleplay, Lets Take our Toys on Holiday Dayle Annual Leave	24 Dayle Annual Leave	25 Dayle Annual Leave	26 Roleplay, Lets Take our Toys on Holidays Dayle Annual Leave	27 Dayle Annual Leave



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Looking after Schoolchildren and those in Early Years settings during Heatwaves: Guidance for Teachers and Other Professionals

High temperatures affect people of all age groups and climate change is likely to lead to an increase in heatwaves throughout the UK. Temperatures both outdoors and indoors may rise to such an extent that precautions to prevent children suffering from heat stress or heat exhaustion may need to be taken.

The Department of Health publication 'Heatwave - A guide to looking after yourself and others during hot weather' provides advice on what to do under such circumstances; the advice given here focuses specifically on children and is provided for teachers, school nurses, assistants and others looking after children in schools, nurseries, Sure Start children's centres and other early years settings, including childminders. It will also be of use to those involved in the provision of before or after-school childcare, clubs and to parents. This advice should be followed during periods of hot weather, but it is particularly important if a Level Amber or Red Heatwave Alert is announced. In the event of such an alert, health organisations and local authorities will be alerted by the Met Office

Outdoors

- On very hot days (ie where temperatures are in excess of 30°C), children should not take part in vigorous physical activity.
- Children playing outdoors should be encouraged to stay in

Once read please place this newsletter into your child's Ring Binder for safekeeping



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Your Child's Key Worker

So that we are able to provide a safe and stimulating environment here at Grafton Childcare we believe in ensuring that we provide continuity of care for you child so that they are able to identify with their Key Workers and develop relationships at all levels. In order that we are able to do so we must have a dynamic and flexible system in place where we organise our staff effectively. This means that some children might have a new Key Person assigned to them, this might be because your child has recently turned 2 years of age and have moved up into the next age ratio group laybirds caterpillars and butterflies

Check the front of your child's daily diary to see who your key worker is.

During the two months we have had three lovely students spending time with us as part of their School Work Experience programme or the Job Centres Work Trial Schemes, where the unemployed can try out a work placement and see if childcare might be the career path for them in the longer term. It's been lovely to have Jo, Maddy and Alex with us and the children have enjoyed it as well.

We are very pleased to announce that Alex will be joining our team as an Apprentice Childcare Assistant from Monday 26th July and it already feels like she has been with us for months, not just as part of her two week Work Trial.

Towards the end of the Summer we are also hoping to be joined by Beth and Stacie who will be also undertaking their Apprenticeships with Grafton Childcare, we are just awaiting their CRB's to come through before they can both formally start with us, so watch this space.

We have some very exciting news, now we have these extra staff online we shall be expanding Grafton Childcare from 18 to 22 children each day and are already almost full two days a week, which is fantastic news in this current economic climate and thanks mostly to all of you fabulous parents for recommending us to your family and friends, we guess we must be doing something right.

We do have a few spaces now, so please pass on our number to those who might be needing childcare now or in the future if they are on maternity leave at the moment. Remember as a thank you we give a £25 M&S Voucher to the recommender once the new child has completed their settling in period with us successfully. We have popped some business cards into your bag for as & when!