



# Grafton Childcare

## Rumble in the Jungle - Monday 5th - Friday 30th June 2017

5th - 9th June 2017

### Phonics Pots

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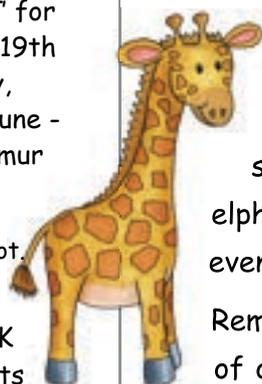
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### Thank You

Can we say a big THANK YOU to all of the parents who very kindly sent in junk modelling items during our recent topic on Transport. The children all really enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and let their imaginations go wild, whilst they designed their various forms of transport.

### Safari Adventure

We are delighted that the 'Transport' Colouring Booklets which we sent home last month were a huge hit with our Preschoolers. So keep your eyes peeled for our 'Safari Adventure' booklet next to complete at home.



## Physical Development

**Moving & Handling: Health & Self-care: Rumble in the Jungle**

Our topic for June is based around the classic book written by Giles Andreae, 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We shall be diving into this rhyming safari story and meeting everyone from the elphing elephant to the gangly giraffe, and maybe even the terrible tiger!

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 creating their own obstacle course with our Community Playthings Wooden Blocks, Planks and Treestumps to travel safely across our playground/jungle so that the children can observe the various wild animals without being spotted!

We will also be planning opportunities for the children to explore with our water bottles and paints and develop their scissor skills with our Preschoolers all with a Safari and Jungle focus. The children will also be creating their very own Safari and Jungle animals masks.



12th - 16th June 2017

## Class of 2016/17 Leavers Gift Ideas.

We have had a number of our leavers ask us if there is something they could buy Grafton Childcare as a leaving gift, so that we can remember the Class of 2016/17.

If you recall last year our Class of 2015/16 brought us a selection of Primary Science equipment which the children have loved and will continue to enjoy for many more years to come.

We would like to enhance what we have in the front garden for water play and are hoping to purchase a selection of extra large galvanised bowls, churns and jugs for the children to use in the garden when exploring the amazing properties of water!

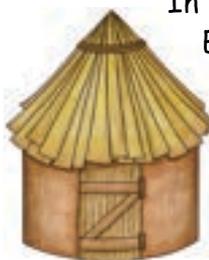
We have emailed our Class of 2016/17 Parents a list of the sorts of things we are looking for as suggestions. Please don't think that you have to buy a whole set of items, if you only have a very small budget, we are very happy for you to send in a cash donation instead and we can then use the donations to purchase one of the larger sets or maybe even a couple of the sets suggested.

We are sure you can also find some similar items at Trago Mills, B&Q and Fermoy's.



## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

**Self-confidence & Self-awareness: Managing Feelings & Behaviour: Making Relationships: Rumble in the Jungle.**



In supporting your child's Personal, Social & Emotional Development we are helping to develop your child's self-confidence so that they can confidently express their views and ideas, whilst helping them to build good relationships with other children and adults. It is also about beginning to recognise their own feelings and developing strategies for dealing with those feelings in different situations. This is where our two Role-play areas come into their own, we have our Kid's Shed in the corner of the playground and our large inside role-play area on our large landing just outside the kid's classroom. In these two areas the children engage in symbolic play often called 'role play'. The children's key workers recognise that pretending to do something can help a child learn to express their feelings. Using 'role play' can help the children consider their own and others feelings, ways to help others feel better about themselves, and dealing with conflicting opinions, all vital parts of learning to develop strategies for managing their feelings and behaviour.

## School & Grafton Admissions for 2017/18

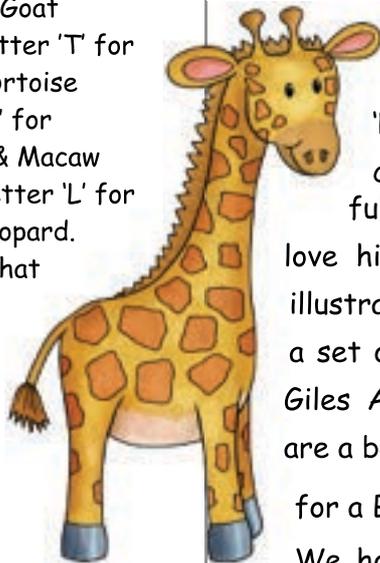
In September we have 13 4 year olds due to start school, which is our highest amount of leavers for a number of years and we are very pleased to learn that all of them gained places at the schools they wished.

This year we have 3 going to Canada Hill, 2 to Decoy, 2 to Barton, 1 to Ipplepen, Highweek, Haytor View, Bradley Barton, Marsh and St Micheals. We are always very sad to see them leave us, although not all of them will as we do still provide ad hoc holiday childcare for those who may wish to continue to use Grafton Childcare during the school holidays, whilst their child is in their 'Reception year'. We are mindful of the fact that we do need to start thinking about how we shall fill their term-time spaces in August and September. So as ever if you have any friends or family who might be looking for Flexible Family Based Childcare please give a shout for us here at Grafton Childcare. Remember as a thank you we give you a £25 M&S Voucher once the children start with us, as they say recommendation is always the best form of advertising.

19th - 22nd June 2017

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## Reading List

You may want to look out for these other Giles Andreae books in Newton Abbot Library, ASDA, Waterstones or from the Bookpeople to enjoy with your child at home:-

1. Rumble in the Jungle
2. ABC Animal Rhymes
3. Commotion in the Ocean
4. The Lion who wanted to Love.
5. Mad about Megabeasts.
6. Farmyard Hullaballo.

[www.bookpeople.co.uk](http://www.bookpeople.co.uk)



## Literacy Development

### Reading; Writing; Rumble in the Jungle!

With our development focus this week on Literacy we will of course be enjoying our 'Rumble in the Jungle' Story Sack with the children. This particular Storysack is packed full of lots of books written by Giles Andreae we love his rhyming style and of course the amazing illustrations by David Wojtowcz. The Bookpeople sell a set of 10 Mad About Animals books, 8 written by Giles Andreae's books for an amazing £9.99 which are a bargain and well worth, buying and tucking away for a Birthday or Christmas present.

We hope that you can support your child at home during the next month as part of our topic on Jungles and Safaris we will be sending home our Safari Colouring Book for our Preschoolers to complete.

Please remember we don't want your child to try and complete the book all in one go, it's not a race. We would like them to have a go at possibly colouring one or two of the pages every couple of days or so.

They can use pencils, felt tip pens, chalks or even pastels, but not paints please.

Whilst they are busy colouring it would be wonderful if you could chat along with them about the pictures and the various types of wild animals which are depicted on each of the pages.

Have you visited Paignton or Shaldon Zoos recently? It would be really great if you could send us in a photo and a 'wow' card, so your child can explain to us all about it when we have our daily circle time sessions.

Part of developing the skills that children will need for early writing include strengthening their gross and fine motor skills. We have planned some water painting outside with wallpaper brushes and some large scale 'Art Attack' painting with our giant trundle wheel paint rollers.



26th - 30th June 2017

## Our Trip to Teignmouth

On Friday 7th July we are planning a whole nursery trip to Teignmouth for the Day. If your child does not normally attend on a Friday you are very welcome to join us for the day with a responsible adult, so that your child is able to take part in the fun and games we have planned.

We will be visiting the Lighthouse on the Den, which will link in really nicely with our next topic .....  
**'The Lighthouse Keeper'**.

We also plan on popping in to say hello to **Laura Wall** in her Gallery, so that the children can see exactly where she draws and writes all her amazing **Goose and Sophie** books!

Of course we will be enjoying a visit to the beach to see if we can create our own Lighthouse out of the sand and eating our delicious Picnic Lunch provided by Phil.

Details of train departure times will be confirmed on our blog so keep your eyes peeled!

Could our Preschoolers please remember to return their Safari Colouring Book this week. We have some prizes for the neatest, most creative and most imaginative examples.

## Mathematics Development

**Numbers: Shape, Space & Measures;  
Rumble in the Jungle!**

This is the final week of our topic 'Rumble in the Jungle' with a development focus this week on Mathematics.

Lara and Jade have put their thinking caps on and devised a whole host of activities for the children to top off this week. Please check out our blog for full details of their plans. Remember each week we post up plans for what we will be doing here at Grafton Childcare to help bring our topics to life and fully engage all of the children in play based learning.

Mathematics Development is not just about your child's ability to be able to write sums and do 'adding and taking away'. There are lots of skills which your child will need to develop if they are to understand and make sense of their mathematical experiences as they go through school for example, children need to be able to explore patterns, sorting, matching and shapes as well as counting.

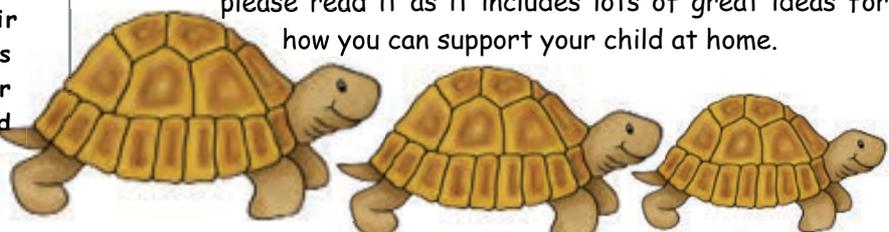
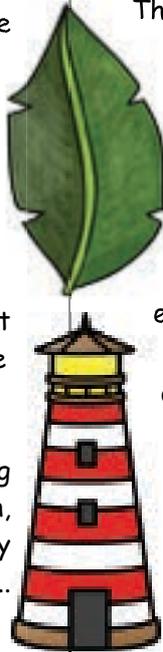
We will provide lots of opportunities for the children to look for and form patterns, for example, by printing with sponges, lining up our wooden small world play animals or arranging our number tiles, threading beads or shapes. Mathematics is all about seeing the patterns in numbers so seeing visual patterns in real objects is a great building block for learning.

We will be providing lots of opportunities for children to find things that go together according to their size, shape, colour and other factors, for example, sorting a basket full of treasure basket items or our stacking toys into sets.

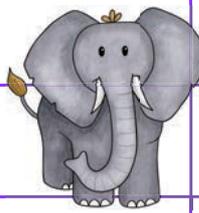
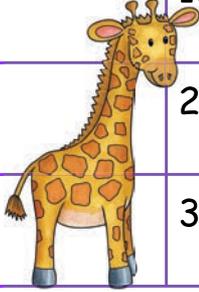
The children will have opportunities to find two things which have one or more factors in common, for instance, matching our Jungle Dominoes or matching natural objects such as pebbles, pine cones or blocks. Counting consists of several different subskills:

1. Being able to count in sequence.
2. Being able to count moveable sets of numbers.
3. Being able to count non-moveable objects.

You will find detailed information about how we support the development of your child's counting skills in this weeks blog, please read it as it includes lots of great ideas for how you can support your child at home.



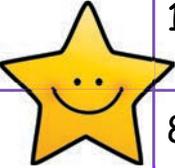
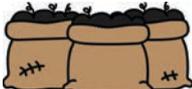
## Grafton Childcare's Short Term Topics & Themes Summer Term (3)

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<b>The Lighthouse Keeper</b>						
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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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<b>Favourite Nursery Rhymes</b>						
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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.