

ROOFTOPS NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hello to all of our Rooftops families and welcome back after a not so sunny summer! We would also like to wish a very warm welcome to those of you who have just joined us in September! We have already been having so much fun this term and have taken the opportunity to add some of the exciting things your children have been getting up to in this newsletter! We have also included any important information you need to know going forward, including some dates for diaries and some useful links so please read and make a note of those.

SAY HELLO TO... 🙋

We are very excited to welcome Reanna to our Rooftops family! Reanna has been employed as our Admin and Training Manager and will be supporting Debbie with the admin side of the day to day running of the nursery, as well as supporting staff with training. Reanna has worked in childcare for over 10 years and holds several qualification in early years right up to Early Years Teacher status. In her spare time Reanna loves to explore nature and spends a lot of time at the gym! Reanna will be spending time in all of the rooms as well as in the office.



CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR BEAUTIFUL
NEW IMAGES WE HAD TAKEN BY THE
AMAZING KATY HOWE PHOTOGRAPHY



GOVERNMENT FUNDING

We are receiving lots of bill queries from parents/carers so thought we would pop a little information on our newsletter. This is a reminder for all parents that if your child receives any government funding there is a £15 supplement per day to help cover additional costs such as food and activity supplies. Please note, all our nursery places are ran on an all year round basis, we do not offer term time only places. Your funding is only used during term time and therefore during holidays you will be charged full nursery rates. Don't forget, you can still use your childcare tax account alongside the government funding! Please see the link for 'childcare choices' for further information on any help you may be entitled to. Please note, all forms MUST be returned from funding loop as we cannot claim your funding without them.

DATES FOR DIARIES

- Autumn Term 1 ends 25th October
- Autumn Term 2 starts Monday 4th November
- Halloween Thursday 31st October

**please dont forget we are not a term time only setting, so the October half term is to be paid for and will be included in your bill



DRAGONFLYS



Our Pre-School children have been having so much fun. We started our month learning all about ourselves, exploring everything that makes us, us!

We were also introduced to a brand new topic this- Autumn! We have noticed lots of spiders so decided that we would decorate and paint our own spiders using a selection of different media and materials. We have even explored a beautiful autumn sensory tray, discovering different textures and smells. In our useful links section we've added some fun Autumnal activities you could do with your little ones! With Autumn in mind and the weather ever changing, please can our Dragonfly team ask parents to provide indoor shoes or slippers for their children.



CATTERPILLARS



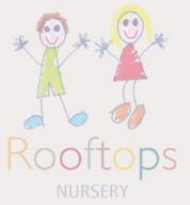
Our babies have been having so much fun exploring so far this term!

We have been introducing them to autumn, exploring different leaves and looking at lots of different colours we would see in autumn. We had a go at decorating our own acorns, practising some fine motor skills while we painted! We will be continuing to look at all things autumn over the next few weeks and cant wait to bring new experiences to our babies. Some of our babies have never experienced this season before, so it is very exciting to be introducing them to everything autumnal!

BUTTERFLIES



Our Toddler's have been loving exploring in the water tray this term. Water play can encourage both gross and fine motor skill development, we do this by offering a variety of tools such as buckets to fill and empty on a large scale but also smaller items like boats and sea creatures where our children have to use their hands to pick up and move them! This is always the perfect opportunity to work on our turn taking and sharing skills too! We want to encourage our children to be as independent as possible so we do lots of activities during the day and promote independence. We want all our children to be happy and comfortable during their day too, and are working really hard to try and avoid children relying on their dummies too much and they are doing so well with this! Please see the link in our 'useful links' section for further information on dummy use!



USEFUL LINKS



Dummy Use: BBC tiny happy people - When should babies lose the dummy and how do I wean baby off it?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/z62bj6-1-text=Yes%2C%20a%20dummy%20can%20help.toddler's%20tongue%20from%20moving%20freely>



Inspire my play - Autumn themed activities at home

https://inspiremyplay.com/blogs/blog/25-of-the-best-autumn-activities-for-kids?srsltid=AfmBOopEAuuAMSGzoH7_u1lp8Zp8rEgmRxtFmv8fcqgjkPL1BL-lWor



Great waterproofs for children! Keep your eyes peeled in shops like Lidl and Aldi as they regularly stock childrens waterproofs that are fantastically priced!

<https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/kids/toddler/puddle-suits/>

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Regatta-Unisex-Puddle-60-72-months/dp/B017K6Y3N6?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref_=fp_lfs&psc=1&smid=A2W1L1E3JZUD5FE



Useful links to help you with funding

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-education-and-childcare>

BRR... IT'S GETTING CHILLY!



As you will all be very aware, the weather has taken a very drastic turn and it is very cold, wet and windy now! Just as you would in summer, please can we ask that parents provide suitable clothing for your child for during their nursery day. This includes coats, hats, scarfs, wellies and gloves! Please can you double check what spare clothes are in your child's bags too, so that in the event of us needing to get them changed they still have weather appropriate clothes. We encourage you to bring warm, cosy slippers for the children to wear when they are inside too. We like to get children outside in all weathers so we would love it if you could provide waterproofs for your child(ren). We have some great ideas in our useful links section!

