



A message from Mrs Roy

I can't believe it's October already, time flies when you are having fun! It's been a very busy month for us in the nursery with lots of learning about Autumn led by the children's voices and themed days such as Maths week and European Day of Languages.

The children have been out and about in the local community to extend their learning with visits to Asda to buy ingredients, looking for shapes in the environment and spotting numbers all around them, eg. on doors and on signs.

Look out for the weekly Friday post on the online journals which gives a short summary of the week. It's been great to also hear and see about your learning at home too when you send us in photographs or add comments to the online journals. Keep an eye on Twitter too for weekly snapshots!

Mrs Roy

Nursery Natter

Miss Fraser will be leading our 2nd Nursery Natter of the year at 11am on Friday 21st October. This is an opportunity to come along for an informal chat and a cuppa (we even have cakes and biscuits too!) to hear about the work of the nursery. We are always looking for feedback to help us improve so we would welcome your thoughts/ideas at these natters. It is also a good opportunity to meet other parents & carers and spend time getting to know one another. We hope to see many of you there!

Value of the month

Each month we will choose 1 of our Nursery Values to focus on with the children.

During the month of October we will be focusing on:

Kindness



Please share any home learning with us via your child's online journal. It would be great to see!

Wellbeing Indicator of the month

Healthy Holly



Over the next month we will be discussing this indicator with the children in nursery and in school. Please talk with your child at home about what being 'HEALTHY' means and ask them about what they have been learning.

As part of our focus on being HEALTHY some of the things we will be discussing and encouraging are: how to have a healthy diet and exercising regularly.

Rhyme of the Month-Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate (*hold up 5 fingers*)
The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late!" (*hands on cheeks*)
The second one said, "There's a chill in the air!" (*arms around self*)
The third one said, "But we don't care!" (*circle pointer finger*)
The fourth one said, "We are ready for some fun!" (*wave hands in the air*)
The fifth one said, "Let's run and run and run!" (*pump arms*)
So whoooooo went the wind, (*make a whoooooo sound*)
And out went the lights! (*clap hands together*)
And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight! (*roll hands over one another*)



Have fun at home practising this little rhyme-we'd love to see some videos/photo's on your child's journal! We'll be joining in too at nursery!!

What matter to us this year in St Ninian's Nursery?

Every year the staff team decide on 'what matters' for the year ahead with a particular focus on what's worked well and what can we improve on.

This takes into account the voices of children and families which we gather in May/June and local and national priorities for the new session.

We are excited to share a visual representation of the main priorities for this session. This will be discussed in more detail at our Nursery Natters and we will also update you on our progress throughout the year.

Our focus for August and September was on 'Improving Wellbeing'-we have introduced our wellbeing characters (Safe Sally & Healthy Holly), started a child friendly display for our positive relationships charter and started daily check ins for learners.

Next steps for October:

- creating a quiet, calm indoor sensory space for learners linked to the Zones of Regulation to support emotional wellbeing
- introducing a rhyme of the month to help learners listen and identify rhyming words
- gathering parents/carers views on how we share wider achievements
- planning our family PEEP sessions-we'll be in touch soon with further details.

Our Improvement Priorities at St Ninian's ELC 2022-2023

Raising attainment in literacy

- Developing vocabulary & understanding of rhyme
- Rhyme Time
- Building a reading culture
- Bookbug
- developing listening skills

Raising attainment in numeracy

- developing number sense
- Maths Sacks
- Maths through woodwork

Improving Wellbeing

- Wellbeing check-ins
- ZONES OF REGULATION
- Introducing Wellbeing characters
- Embed Positive relationships charter
- UNCRC

Where adventure, nurture and learning go hand in hand.

Closing the attainment gap

- peep supporting parents and children to learn together

Improving life skills

- Celebrating wider achievements
- STEM
- Woodwork
- Developing outdoor space and learning

St Ninian's Nursery OUR VALUES

- Friendship
- Happiness
- Kindness
- Love

A reminder of what's happening in October:

Weekly Welly Wednesdays –wrap up warmly

DATES TO REMEMBER

10th-17th – School office closed-please use this number when calling the nursery 07956112069 or email kayleigh.fraser@westlothian.org.uk

21st- Nursery Natter at 11am with Miss Fraser-come along for a chat and a cuppa

31st – Halloween themed activities

Ways to keep in touch



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