

The Rivers Newsletter September 2015

Thank you for returning the 'All About Me' books! It really is helpful for settling the children into our new nursery. We are continuing the 'All About Me' theme this term and we are encouraging the children to focus on themselves and things that are familiar to them.

Week 14th – 19th September: *My Family* – please bring in family photographs and anything that relates to special moments you have had with your child. We will be making a family tree and talking about our families during group time.

21st – 25th September: *My Home* – please bring in a photograph of your home. We will be using a variety of construction materials e.g. wooden blocks, den making equipment and found materials to make our own structures.

(We understand that this is a lot of photos to ask for so please don't worry if you can't supply them. A number of our staff use an app called *Free Prints* which is available to download. You can claim 45 free photographs per month and only pay for delivery)

28th – 2nd October: *My Senses* - We will be exploring the 5 senses through activities such as food tasting, going for a walk to see what we can see, hear and smell, making sensory bottles to see what we can smell and going on a Gruffalo hunt to see what we can see!



Things to *bee* proud of!

The children have helped to create a display which showcases the things that make us proud. They have painted pictures of bees and we want to show off their 'wow' moments!

We would love your involvement in this board and want to hear about any 'firsts' that happen at home. For example, sleeping in their own bed all night, using the potty or toilet, eating something new etc...

At this age even the smallest things can be huge milestones!

Reminder: Could all children bring a water bottle and slippers to nursery each day.

We would also appreciate any donations of broken jewellery, hats, ribbons, picture frames cardboard tubes, natural objects such as pine cones, shells, pebbles etc...

These are not only great for art and craft activities but also for encouraging creativity.



This half term, the main story we will be focusing on is *The Gruffalo*. We will be exploring different textures through play dough and loose parts play, making collage animals and we will also be going on a Gruffalo hunt!

As the children hear the story they will undoubtedly begin to retell it themselves. We have puppets and props to aid them in creating their own version of the story. This is excellent for their language and communication skills as well as igniting their imaginations!