



# March 2020 Newsletter

## World Book Day - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

At Stepping Stones Nursery School, we are promoting 'World Book Day 2020' - not as a dressing up opportunity, but as a chance to highlight the real importance of sharing stories with your child.

We have joined Early Years Scotland's campaign 'Every Days a Story Day' and have pledged to ensure that all children will have a chance to listen to a story every day they attend our nursery setting.

You, and your child, can also pledge your support for the campaign by becoming a 'Story Star' or a 'Story Supporter'. Just look at the campaign website [earlyyearsscotland.org](http://earlyyearsscotland.org) for more information.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the campaign and to promote children's enjoyment of books and stories, we have recently purchased a wide range of story books and props, including puppets, for each of our 3 nursery playrooms.

We have invested in staff training, with Zoe attending a course with author and teacher Neil Griffiths - 'Developing a Love for Reading with Neil Griffiths'. Zoe then shared her learning with the rest of our staff team as we took part in story reading workshops. We highly recommend some of his 'youtube' videos - Top Tips for reading to children and Winnie Wagtail - to name just a few!

### Dr Seuss

*"The more you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places  
you'll go."*



### Policies

Please remember to have a look at our 'Policy of the Month'. This is displayed in the foyer.

Our policy of the month is:

#### Sickness and Illness policy

Any comments or suggestions with regards to this are appreciated. Please speak to a member of staff or post your comments in the box in the foyer.



### Contact us!

As always, the nursery operates an open door policy.

Our Depute Manager, Jordan, is available daily from 9.30 - 5.00pm, in person, via email or telephone to deal with any queries.

We also welcome any suggestions you may have. These can be emailed or posted in our Comments and Suggestions box.

The nursery owner/managers, Carol-Ann and Caroline can be contacted directly on the email below.

Email:  
[info@steppingstonesnurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:info@steppingstonesnurseryschool.co.uk)



### Bookbug

Download the Bookbug app, from the App store, to use with your child at home. There are loads of songs and rhymes to share. Ask a member of staff which ones we use in your child's playroom.

Bookbug operate local sessions at both Airdrie and Coatbridge libraries - please contact the library direct for up-to-date information.

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## Dates for your Diary

### Easter weekend closure

The nursery will be closed on **Friday 10th April and Monday 13th April 2020.**

### Bank Holiday Friday closure

The nursery will be closed on **Friday 8th May 2020**

### Graduation

Graduation for Discovery Zone children starting school in August 2020 will be held in the nursery on :

**Monday 15th June 2020 at 2pm.**

This usually lasts about 30 minutes.  
Further details to follow.

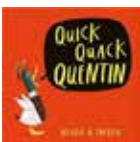
## Discovery Zone

Which one will it be...

'Quack Quack Quentin'  
or

'The way home for Wolf'

Have your say using the jars in the reception area. The most popular book will help to inspire our learning provocations over the next week!



## EXPLORER ZONE

'Sharing a book with a child is fun -it's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together. It can also give children a flying start in life.' (BookTrust)

It's never too early to share stories, books and rhymes with your little one. They don't need to understand all the words, they will just love to listen to your voice, look at the pictures and hold the books.

Board books are always good for pointing out the pictures and naming things you can see on the page. They're also more robust for little hands still learning to turn a page!

## ADVENTURE ZONE

'Spending 10 minutes a day reading to your child helps them to develop social and emotional skills and become confident happy learners.' (BookTrust)

Use the pictures to engage your child's interest - ask questions such as: 'What can you see on this page?' 'Can you find the rabbit?' 'What else can you see?' 'How many bananas can you count?'

We have been reading lots of stories. Some of our favourites have been 'Shark in the Park' by Nick Sharatt, 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'A squash and a squeeze' by Julia Donaldson.

## DISCOVERY ZONE

'Reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life.' (Dept of Education, Melbourne)

Children use their knowledge of stories to inspire their play in all areas of our nursery. We have had '3 Little Pigs' building houses in the construction area, 'We're going on a bear hunt' outside, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in our sensory garden, 'Gingerbread Man' in our small world area and 'The Runaway Pancake' in our kitchen. Great inspiration and lots of learning!

## Stay and Play Week in Discovery Zone

Discovery Zone's 'Stay and Play' event will run on **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March 2020.**

Come and join us!

This is a great chance for parents of Discovery Zone children to join your child at nursery for a short period of time - see what they get up to during their time with us!

