



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Shoreham this month we have been exploring all of the new toys and resources to further develop the children's learning and understanding in all areas. We have also been on a trip out to the local shop to get ingredients for our cooking morning. The children made banana bread which they were then able to have for snack and it was delicious! The children have noticed how the weather has been different everyday which then sparked an interest in how this changes the environment around them. To encourage this we have been going on sound walks in the garden to listen to all the different sounds we can hear and seeing if we can hear any new ones.

Just a few reminders -

With the weather changing daily and the children really engaging in messy play, we are asking if you could pack spare clothes in your child's bag ready for the day. If anyone has any spare bangles, bags, loose parts or scarfs that they are willing to donate then the children at the nursery would love them.

Pre school children will now be getting dropped off at the garden gate and a member of staff will collect and hand over your child from there.

Terri

## Dates for your diary

### Holidays and Closures:

- Half term for Term Time  
Only Children - 29th March until 12th April
- Good Friday - 29th March (nursery closed)
- Easter Monday - 1st April (nursery closed)
- Early May Bank Holiday - 6th May (nursery closed)
- Spring Bank Holiday - 27th May (nursery closed)

### Other:

- Funding application deadline - 31st March
- Gardening Day - 22nd April - we will be inviting parents/carers in to the nursery for some planting fun!

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### The Baby Snug

This month in the baby snug we have been exploring different materials and textures. We have done this by giving the babies uncooked rice and pasta to use during a pouring and filling activity. Later, we again used rice and pasta however, this time we cooked the materials to create a different textured opportunity for the babies to explore. When participating within the activity we were able to implement the recent knowledge we have gained from the speech and language training. This meant we were able to use short and simple words that the babies were able to comprehend as well as repeating words back to reinforce their learning.

#### Continue at home

Try giving your little one a large bowl of dry rice and pasta whilst you are preparing dinner. Provide them with some utensils and smaller cups/bowls and watch their little mind run wild whilst learning about the different sounds made when it is poured from one cup to another. Have them help tidy up by picking the pasta up and placing it in the cups to exercise their fine motor skills.

### The Toddler Den

This month the toddlers took a trip out into the community. When doing this the topic of the children's discussions were what they could see and hear. The children recognised transportation vehicles such as cars, bikes and even a fire engine. The children were recognising these before visually seeing them. This followed on nicely from the recent speech and language training we have attended as a team regarding environmental sounds. It supported us with doing a sound walk with the children which supports the children's communication and language development as well as listening to sounds around them.

#### Continue at home

Why don't you take your little one for a sea side stroll - walk along the pebbles and listen to the sound of the stones and sea weed under your feet. Can you hear the sea gulls and that noise of the ocean water moving back and forth?

### The Pre-School Study

This month in the preschool study the children have been talking about the bugs that we can see in the garden. When doing this the children discussed where all of the different bugs and animals live and how they all live in different places. The children then wanted to take this learning inside to the playdough station to create their own bugs and discussed what their bug had on them. This followed on with the recent training that we have all attended as a team that supports children communication and language. This meant we were able to use the tools and strategies that works best for each individual child.

#### Continue at home

What bugs and insects can you find in your garden at home or in the local park? Can you find a long wiggly worm or a round snail? How many can you find? Don't forget to upload your home learning onto EYLog so we can continue the learning in the classroom at nursery.

# Recipe of the Month

## RECIPE NAME - CHICKEN FAJITAS

### INGREDIENTS:

#### For the filling:

- 2 large chicken breasts thinly sliced (or a meat substitute)
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 red chilli, thinly sliced (optional)
- Handful grated cheese
- 1 heaped tbsp paprika
- 1tbsp ground coriander
- Pinch ground cumin
- 2 medium garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 lime, juiced

#### To serve:

- 6 medium tortillas

#### For the salsa:

- 1 cucumber peeled and diced
- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 250g tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1 tbsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1 tspn lime juice
- 1 tspn olive oil
- 1/2 tspn ground cumin
- 1/2 tspn ground black pepper



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 200C/400F/gas mark 6.
2. Mix paprika, coriander, cumin, crushed garlic, olive oil, and lime juice together in a bowl.
3. Stir the sliced chicken breasts, red onion, red pepper, and optional chilli into the marinade.
4. Heat a griddle pan until smoking hot and add the marinated chicken.
5. Keep everything moving over the high heat until you get a nice charred effect. If your griddle pan is small, you can do this in two batches.
6. To check the chicken is cooked, cut into the thickest part of the chicken. If it is still red inside, then continue cooking
7. For the salsa, mix the diced tomato, onion, cucumber, then add the lime juice, minced garlic, cumin, and black pepper. Set aside.
8. Put the tortillas in the oven to heat up for a few minutes, and serve with the cooked chicken mixture, salsa, and grated cheese.

## Recent Training

The whole team has recently had ACI training with Speech and Language Therapists - during this session they were able to discuss strategies that best support children’s speech and language development. Since the training the team have been able to put their learning into practice to best support the children.

Charlotte and Tash have completed their First Aid training.

## Colleague Spotlight

### Billie-Jo Timmons

Billie has gone above and beyond within her role this term and has truly put the children in the heart of everything she does - She has taken on “in the moment planning” and truly shined with it - She has been following the toddlers lead and really thinking about what she can do next to support their learning and development. Billie is always there to support her team and encourage them to be there best! Shoreham is truly lucky to have Billie!

