



Playgroup News – Friday 24th September

Hello Everyone,

Here is our 'Playgroup News' for this week...



LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK!

We have had another busy week at Coalway Early Years! This week the children have been exploring some new resources, we purchased some new paint rollers and they have been experimenting with colour mixing on a large scale. We have also started to introduce some number recognition activities at registration and snack times. The children use the number line to identify the number of children and adults in attendance each day and use numbered place mats at snack time to embed their number knowledge and number recognition, especially focussing on numbers 1-10.

Thank you to all the children who have brought back their 'Autumn Walk Collection Bags.' The children have loved sharing their finds with the group, learning new words such as 'acorn' and 'conker.' Following on from this activity, the children went on an Autumn walk around the school grounds and visited the school pond.

We have also continued to practice developing our gross motor skills by using the bikes and scooters on the playground- an activity the children LOVE! Activities such as these enable the children to develop co-ordination, build up their muscle strength and most importantly it provides another opportunity for outdoor play. Please see below for some photographs of our week:



Things we are learning to do:

Each week we will inform you about some of the things we are supporting the children to learn so that you can support them at home. The things we are currently learning are:

- Becoming more independent with self-care, e.g. dressing themselves, being more independent with toileting and hand washing.
 - Tidying Up
- Listening to and following instructions.



'All About Me' Boxes



Over the coming weeks, every child will have the opportunity to bring home a 'Me Box.' We ask that you support your child to choose special objects that they are able to share with the group, this could include items such as baby outfits, photographs, certificates, a favourite toy etc. Please also supply a carrier bag so your child can take home their items safely. Keep an eye out on Tapestry for pictures of your child sharing their box with the group.

MAKATON

Each week we will be learning a new MAKATON sign. The sign we are learning for this coming week is: **STOP**



To Stop



Polite Reminder



- Children **must** be provided with a **named water bottle** each session they attend so they have access to a drink throughout the day. This is a **legal** and **statutory** requirement. They are able to have a drink of their choice with their lunch but at all other times they **MUST** have a water bottle.

Share-a-book



Share books!

Over the coming weeks we will be introducing our share-a-book scheme. Your child will be able to choose a book from the setting to share at home with you. Reading with your child is so important and has so many benefits such as improved language, increased concentration but most importantly it is an opportunity to develop a special bond with your child. Book bags will be available outside, each morning for a cost of £1.50.