



# Caldecote Day Nursery



## Newsletter August 2023

This month's Learning Focus: **Children's Interests, Holidays**

This month's Value: **Courage**

### Safeguarding: Water Safety

Over the last six years 30 children under 10 years old have drowned in holiday swimming pools abroad. RoSPA believes that all of these deaths could have been prevented. This year you may be having a 'staycation' but the risk of drowning in the sea, at a hotel pool or a paddling pool can still be great.

#### Key facts behind these drownings:

- **Toddlers (0 - 3 years)** - Two to three years are most at risk. In many cases the toddler wandered away from parents and fell into an unsupervised pool.
- **Young children (4-5 years)** – Some drownings happened after the child was last seen playing in the water or playing near to water. In many cases parents were unaware of the problem until the child was found in the water (most commonly a hotel swimming pool).
- **Older children (6-9 years)** - In all of these cases the children were swimming.
- **Parental supervision** - Drowning children don't cry out for help or wave to be rescued - they disappear under the surface – often unseen and unheard. Adults need to be vigilant whenever a child is in or near a pool.

#### Key points for parents to consider before you go:

- Check the safety arrangements in advance
- Teach children never to swim alone
- Be cautious about booking holiday homes with pools, that do not have safety fencing
- Take a first aid course – know how to resuscitate a child
- Ask your travel company if the hotel pool has a lifeguard

#### When you are there:

- Actively supervise all young children near water
- Choose pools that are fenced with locking gates
- Even if a pool has a lifeguard – know where your children are, and what they are doing in the water
- Let children take swimming classes whilst on holiday – they are a great way of gaining water confidence and learning essential water safety skills
- Inflatables are not a substitute for supervision or swimming ability

#### Rules for children:

- Water safety rules for children
- Never swim alone
- Do not dive into unknown depths of water, and only jump feet first into water
- Do not push or jump onto others
- Know where to get help in an emergency

Taken from RoSPA's website

#### Reminder

Please ensure that your child has a **named** sunhat and **named** sun cream in nursery at all times, as we will try and make the most of the sunshine...when it arrives!



#### Leaving to start school?

If you are leaving to start school in September, **please remember you need to give at least one month's notice.**



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### Leadership Focus

At nursery, we have several staff who take a leadership role. To raise their profile with parents and celebrate the good work that they do, each month we are going to highlight a different role and provide you with some information.

**This month it is our Makaton Champions: Lauren T & Tiffany (Mat Leave)**

They are trained to use Makaton and support other staff to use it on a daily basis with all the children in nursery.

With Makaton, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying.

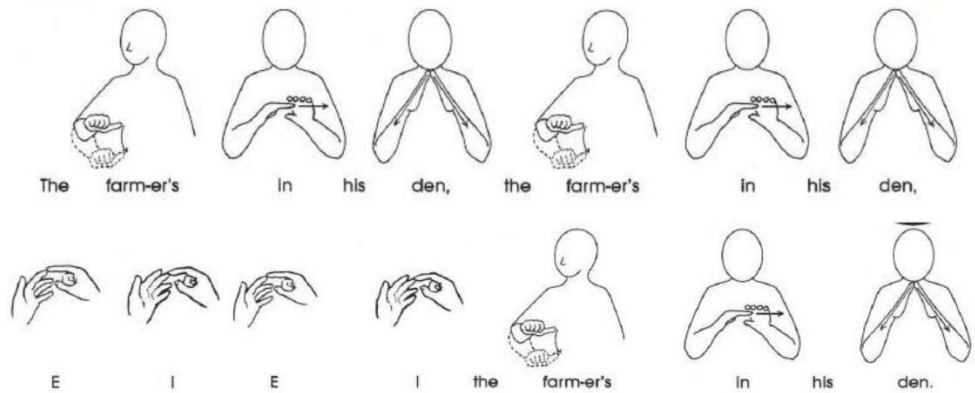
Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. Using symbols can help people who have limited speech and those who cannot, or prefer not to sign.

As well as using our 16 basic signs, we also have a Makaton song of the month which helps children to learn a wider variety of signs and songs. This month, we are singing 'The Farmer's in his den'.

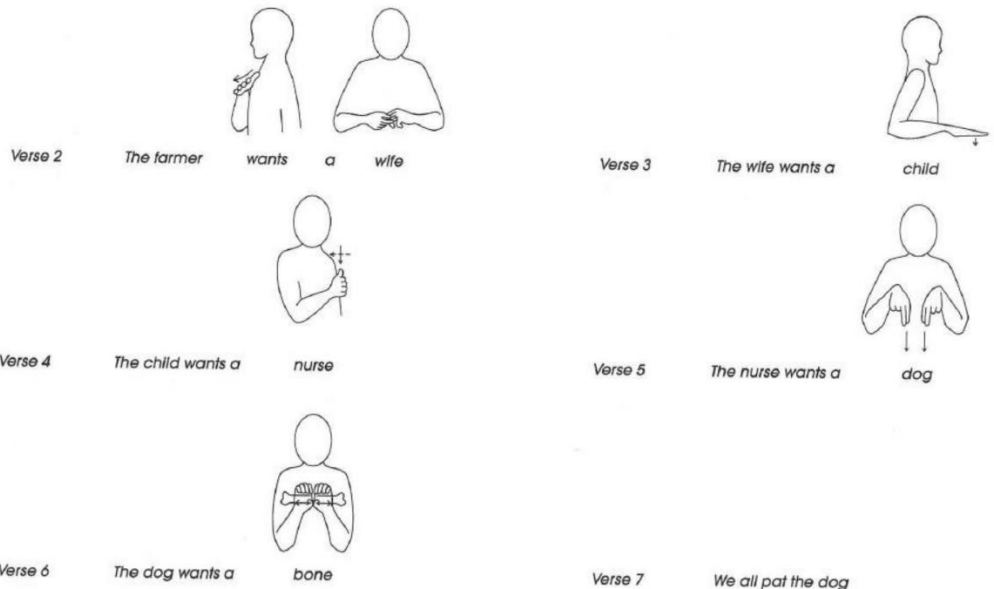
**If you have any particular questions or would like more information about particular signs that might be helpful to you and your child, please feel free to talk to us and we will be able to help you with the information you need.**



### Makaton song of the month...



### Sign Bank



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### Home Learning Ideas

Here are some ideas you could try with your child this month...

Play in water at home or visit the park and play in the sand with a bucket and spade.

Talk about clothes that you might wear to the beach or pack to take on a sunny holiday.

Talk about or draw an animal that you might see at the beach or in a rock pool.

Share some books about the seaside. Commotion in the Ocean, Sharing a Shell and The Singing Mermaid are our favourites!

Try making our seasonal recipe of the month and let us know how it tastes!

Don't forget to send us a photo of your home learning via ParentZone.



ParentZone

### Summer Term 2023 Dates for your diary...

**Bank Holiday Closure – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**Term Time Only Children - Term begins Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

### Autumn Term 2023 Dates for your diary...

**Term Time Only Children - Term begins Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**Harvest donations collected – w/c 26.09.22 & 03.10.22**

**Nursery's 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**NSPCC Pantosaurus Week – w/c 17.10.22**

**Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Term Time Only Children - Term begins Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Term Time Only Children - Term ends Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**More dates to follow...**

**As we continue to provide opportunities for our children to learn with 'real-life' resources as part of The Curiosity Approach, we sometimes need to stock up! We would be grateful for donations of anything on the list below. Thank you!**



Metal Items	Wooden Items	Loose Parts	Miscellaneous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cups</li> <li>• Beakers</li> <li>• Teapots</li> <li>• Bowls / dishes</li> <li>• Ornaments</li> <li>• Spoons</li> <li>• Plant pots</li> <li>• Old fashioned weighing scales with weights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowls</li> <li>• Spoons</li> <li>• Ornaments</li> <li>• Small shelving units</li> <li>• Logs</li> <li>• Log slices</li> <li>• Nest of tables</li> <li>• Wood offcuts</li> <li>• Boxes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corks</li> <li>• Shells</li> <li>• Pebbles / stones</li> <li>• Old CDs</li> <li>• Conkers / acorns</li> <li>• Curtain rings</li> <li>• Empty cotton reels</li> <li>• Bottle tops / lids</li> <li>• Pinecones</li> <li>• Feathers</li> <li>• Twigs</li> <li>• Tap washers</li> <li>• Coasters</li> <li>• Glass pebbles</li> <li>• Buttons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baskets</li> <li>• Kitchen utensils – potato mashers, spoons etc.</li> <li>• Photo frames without glass</li> <li>• Cardboard tubes</li> <li>• White tablecloths</li> <li>• China tea pots</li> <li>• Old radios / cameras / phones</li> <li>• Large cable reels</li> <li>• Blankets and cushions in neutral colours</li> <li>• Rugs in neutral colours</li> <li>• Any ethnic / cultural items that spark curiosity</li> <li>• Costume jewellery – bangles / beads</li> <li>• A typewriter</li> </ul>



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This month's seasonal recipe to try at home...

### Puff Pastry Pizzas — Serves 4 adults



Try this easy recipe with your child to get them involved and interested in food! Cooking together is a good way to connect.

#### Ingredients:

- 320g sheet ready-rolled light puff pastry
- 6 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 75g mozzarella or cheddar

#### For the topping:

- Sweetcorn, olives, peppers, red onion, cherry tomatoes, spinach, basil or anything else you like!

#### Method:

1. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.
2. Unroll the pastry, cut into six squares and arrange over two baking trays lined with baking parchment.
3. Use a cutlery knife to score a 1cm border around the edge of each pastry square. Bake for 15 mins, until puffed up but not cooked through.
4. While the pastry cooks, make the sauce and prepare your toppings.
5. Mix the tomato purée, tomato ketchup, oregano and 1 tbsp water. Grate the cheese and chop any veg or herbs you want to put on top into small pieces. Set aside.
6. Remove the pastry from the oven and squash down the middles with the back of a spoon.
7. Divide the sauce between the pastry squares and spread it out to the puffed-up edges. Sprinkle with the cheese, then add your toppings. Bake for another 5-8 mins and serve.



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### Our July Learning...



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#### Nursery Funding Entitlement for 2, 3 & 4 year olds

#### 2023/2024

Autumn Term - 2023	Spring Term - 2024	Summer Term - 2024
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October <b>7 weeks</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February <b>5 weeks</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>7 weeks</b>
Half Term: Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November <b>(no funding in this period)</b>	Half Term: Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February <b>(no funding in this period)</b>	Half Term: Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> June <b>(no funding in this period)</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December <b>7 weeks</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>5 weeks</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July <b>7 weeks</b>
<b>Total weeks: 14</b>	<b>Total weeks: 10</b>	<b>Total weeks: 14</b>

**Please note:** Funding entitlement is for 38 weeks whereas school terms run for 39 weeks.

**For term-time only families, we will see you again on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

**The table above shows when our funding entitlement runs throughout 2023 / 2024.**

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**Have a great summer!**



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