



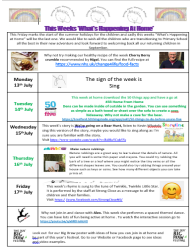
Welcome to another exciting year at Strong Close Nursery School . We are looking forward to meeting our new families and also greeting those that are returning from the last academic year.

Why don't you follow us on Facebook



Try joining the 50 things to do before you're 5 app, which has lots of activities for you and your child to experience together.

Watch out for our healthy recipe of the week which you will find on the what's happening .You can find copies of these on our Facebook page /Website or in the main entrance as a hard copy.



## Changes to drop off and pick up at nursery

In order to limit the risk of transmission of Covid 19 we have made some changes to the drop off and collection points and times for you and your child at nursery.

For children in **blue and yellow rooms** this is now at the rear of the building which can be accessed via Valley Road .

Children attending **red and green rooms** can access nursery via the main front entrance.

## Coronavirus Information



They wanted to give each other a great, big hug.

This lovely video about a hedgehog and tortoise explains to children why we still can't give hugs to family members who live outside their home. Watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PnnFrPaRgY>



Better Start Southend created their own story called **Pip's guide to COVID-19** which offers another way of talking to children about Coronavirus and the current situation the world is facing.

<https://abetterstartsouthend.co.uk/pips-guide-to-covid-19>

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This Half Term in **Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms**  
**Autumn 1 2020**

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ترحب BEM-VINDO

More detailed plans are done on a weekly basis. These are on display but please ask if you would like your own copy. We will also keep you updated in our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies available in the main

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে  
উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন।  
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نمبر سے رابطہ کریں

# THIS HALF-TERM IN BLUE, YELLOW and GREEN ROOMS

## Extending children's knowledge and skills

For all of our children this term will be an important time as they are either starting nursery for the first time or returning after a break due to the pandemic.

We will be concentrating first on welcoming back our existing children and then settling our new starters on a gradual basis. We look forward to seeing you all.



Children will be developing their knowledge and skills at this time, as we will be introducing them to the routines and expectations of nursery for example preparing snack, replacing toys where they belong, turn taking and looking

after each other and the classroom.

We will also be helping children to form relationships with their key person and other adults in nursery along with making friends.

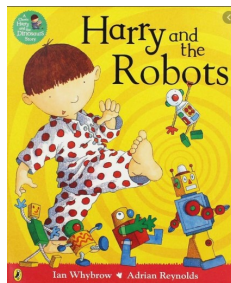


During the summer term the children used their senses to explore the outdoor environment, they ran through the long grass, used sticks to make music and made marks with mud and chalk. We will be extending this interest further by talking to them about the Big Draw topic of **"Climate for Change"**. We will be developing their knowledge and skills by talking to them about being kind to our earth, recycling and using found objects from our environment to make models, pictures or marks within nursery.



## Introducing new knowledge and skills

This term we will be reading the story **Harry and the Robots** written by Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds (illustrator) and **Tree** by Britta Teckentrup



Both our core stories this term link to the Big Draw Festival. We will be listening to the stories and finding out what Harry does when his Grandma goes into hospital. Then Tree is the perfect book to support the children to find out about the changing seasons and explore the world around them.

The children will have the opportunity to use recycled materials to make their own models or to work collaboratively to make a group model and explore using a variety of different media such as paint, glue and autumn leaves.



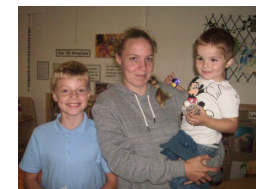
We will also be helping the children become familiar with the school environment /staff by having visits each week from the different adults who help run our nursery such as head of school, office staff, cook, caretaker along with many other adults, so the children all become familiar with different jobs people do at nursery.



## Some ideas for parents /carers

Unfortunately the nursery library is closed due to Covid 19 but if you would like to become more familiar with our core stories you could listen to them at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JHySjgNtQU> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiWrysdWYlc>

We would like to create family boards within each of the nursery rooms, in order to do this we will be taking photos of the children and their families. This will give us the opportunity to talk to the children about their families and people who are special to them. Please ask the adults in nursery to take your photo or you could email them to [office@strongclose.co.uk](mailto:office@strongclose.co.uk) so we can print them to add to the display.



Please put your child's name in any important clothing like coats, permanent marker pens are the easiest method and are usually available in the stationary section of all the big supermarkets.

Why not take part in the Big Draw at home, you could dance, make marks with sticks or create shadows. Look out for more ideas including video examples on our Website and Facebook page visit

<https://www.facebook.com/StrongCloseNS/>

