



This Weeks 'What's Happening'



A warm welcome to all our new children and their families starting this week on a staggered basis. This is an important time for children to get used to a new environment and new routines so therefore we settle children in gradually.

Monday
20th
September



Our sign of the week is **"My turn, your turn"**

Watch how to make the actions for the signs at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUGVgFHJfHQ>



Tuesday 21st
September



Last week in **red room**, the children have been interested in mark making using white boards and felt tip pens. This week we will be introducing different media for the children to make marks on including timber disks, which the children will decorate using pens, paints, sequins and textured and shiny materials. Visit the BBC's Tiny Happy People finger Painting activity with your toddler and talk about the textures and patterns at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/finger-painting/zd9jwty>



Wednesday
22nd
September



Join in with our **Wednesday Stay and Play sessions today** for babies and toddlers, with indoor and outdoor play and a great opportunity for parents/carers with **babies and toddlers** to meet other parents/carers in the local community. To book a place email office@strongclose.co.uk or telephone 01535 605272.

Thursday 23rd
September

This week in **blue** and **yellow** rooms we are introducing the children to our core story **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**. The children will have the opportunity to join in with the rhythm and repetition of the story. Why not watch the author Michael Rosen perform the story and have a go at joining in too at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gyI6ykDwds>



Friday 24th
September



The children in **green** room have been using the Magnetico blocks to build a variety of structures. As they co-constructed and negotiated there have been many opportunities for practicing their turn taking skills. We have introduced the Makaton signs for 'My turn, your turn' and 'More' to support their learning. This week we will be introducing the Duplo bricks, which will develop finer motor skills as they connect the pieces together. Try visiting Tiny Happy People to find out how taking turns whilst playing and talking helps your child to learn conversation skills at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/talking-and-taking-turns/zhngqp3>

Watch Nicola read **blue** and **yellow** rooms' core story of **"We're Going on a Bear Hunt"**. Nicola has found a cave; do you know where there is a narrow gloomy cave just as in the story? See the video on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StrongCloseNS/videos>

