Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close

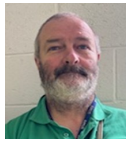
Stay and Play sessions for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers will run on **Tuesday mornings** the **2nd June 9.30–11.00am, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June 9.30 – 11.00am and /or 1.15-2.45pm and 7th and 14th July 9.30–11.00am,** look out for dates and times advertised on the flyer or on our Facebook page including **23rd June** which is an **Imagination Library Story Telling Sessions for children 0-2 years.** Book a place and find out about simple activities to enhance each story at home.

National Smile Month runs from 11th May to the 11th June. The children will be taking part in activities that promote looking after our teeth and healthy eating activities week commencing **8th June.**

Bin the Bottle Exchange Scheme – From Monday 8th June you can exchange you child's bottle for a cup and tooth brush pack. For more information ask at your child's key person or at the office.

Tempest photographers will be in nursery on **Wednesday 17th June at 9.00 am and 1.00pm to take class photos.**

Community Planting Day with John our gardener is on **Friday 19th June and Friday 10th July** from **3.30pm onwards.** Why not come along and get involved, this event is free and open to everyone. More information will be sent out nearer the time.



To book places for any of the events please call 01535 605272 or email office@strongclose.co.uk

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Toilet Training and Dummies Workshop - find out useful tips on how to support toilet training and help your child to stop using a dummy, which can inhibit their speech and negatively affect their oral health if used for too long. Come along to our workshop on **Thursday 2nd July at 9.00am.**

Parental consultations - Week commencing **6th July** consultations for children going to school in September and for those children who are staying at school in **September 26** their parental consultations will be week commencing **13th July.** Look out for your email inviting you to book a time with your child's key person.

Friday 10th July -Fluoride Varnish by the Oral Health Team - A dental protective coating treatment that can help prevent tooth decay or stop it getting worse.

Wednesday 15th July - is our family picnic lunch, come along and join in the celebrations from **11.45am to 1.30pm.** All family members welcome.

Friday 17th July. School closes for the summer holidays.

On **Wednesday 2nd September** the school re-opens again for the new 2026-2027 academic year.

Why not download the 50 Things to do Before You're 5 app for lots of age appropriate ideas of activities, places to visit and things to do with your child.

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We will also keep you updated through our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies are emailed to all parents/main carers and are available on our website and Facebook pages.

For all bookable activities in yellow overleaf please email office@strongclose.co.uk or call 01535 605272. Thank you

Jeśli potrzebujesz tlumaczenia na jezyk polski uzyj numeru.

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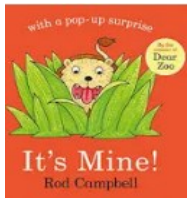
THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

Red and Purple Room – 2-3 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

The children in **red**, **orange** and **purple** rooms have been interested in the animals; lining them up, arranging and transporting them inside and outside. You may have seen your child showing an interest in carefully placing objects or themselves in patterns or rows, which is a positioning schema. This schema can be seen in children's actions when they line up toys, books or other objects. To find out more about schemas visit :- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDIUA8ZzHUE

Introducing new knowledge and skills



It's Mine! by Rod Campbell is the core story in red and purple rooms this half term. It takes place in the jungle where children have to identify which animal is hiding, by looking at their body parts such as a tongue belonging to a tiger or the long neck of a giraffe. We will be learning the names of the different animals and using descriptive language to define them. We will also be singing songs and rhymes such as 'Walking Through The Jungle' to further develop the children's language.

How you can help support your child's learning

Gross motor skills and outdoor environments are important for 2–3-year-old's because they support physical development, coordination, and confidence through active play and exploration. Why not visit CBeebies parenting to help develop your child's speech and language through outdoor play **https://www.bbc.co.ukbbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zbhhhbk**

Blue , Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

In **blue** and **yellow** rooms the children have been fascinated by the metamorphosis of the caterpillars into butterflies, as well as looking for mini beasts in our garden and allotment area. To explore this interest further we will be finding out more about mini beasts and why they have a very important job as superheroes in our gardens, keeping us healthy and happy.

The children in **green** room have been singing lots of nursery rhymes and moving their bodies to music. We have also been exploring how different instruments sound. To develop this further the children will be learning the actions and Makaton signs to songs. They will also be making their own musical instruments and playing them when singing together. We will also make up sound effects to the different animals in our new core story Animal Boogie**.**

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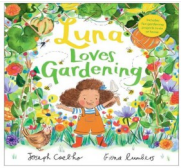
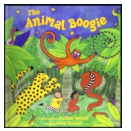


Our core story this half term in blue and yellow rooms is Luna Loves Gardening written by Joseph Coelho and illustrated by Fiona Lumbers. This little girl is off to experience the community garden with her daddy and grandparents. Our children will be able to make connections with Luna when they join in with the community planting days here at school, where they will have the opportunity to plant seeds and care for the growing plants. We will be listening to the story and retelling it using props. To extend the children's learning we will go to visit to East Riddlesden Hall to look at the different vegetables and flowers they are growing in their allotments.



The Animal Boogie by Barefoot books is the core story in green room this half term. It is a singalong book that is **illustrated by Debbie Harter and sung by Fred Penner**. The children will meet 6 colourful creatures in the Indian jungle who are jumping and jiving beneath the canopy. The children will explore rhythm and rhyme, move their bodies to the music and learn action words such as stomping, shaking and swinging. The children will also use instruments like castanets, woodblocks, or drums to imitate animal sounds, such as an elephant stomping.

How you can help support your child's learning

Supporting transition from nursery school to primary school. A number of our children will be leaving us at the end of this term to move to their new schools in September. You can help by talking together about these changes, such as their uniform, so it doesn't come as a surprise. For songs about school watch https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b04fcc8w/time-for-school and tips to help prepare for primary school at https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-school/zxpc8p3

Your child will benefit from any amount of time you spend together doing simple activities which involve chatting and playing together. Why not explore the natural world, engaging more than one sense can help with language learning. Why not try making a mini garden, create a nature store or go on a colour walk for more information go to **https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zj6nsk7**