

### Message from the Management Team

Welcome to our September newsletter. I would like to start by welcoming our new families to Auckland House Day Nursery. We hope that your little ones have enjoyed their first few weeks in Auckland House. September has been a very busy month for us exploring different activities, welcoming and getting to know are new friends in Buttercup room. This month we have enjoyed lots of trips out to the park and to the local community. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff for their continual hard work and dedication over the last few months. As the Winter is around the corner please can you ensure that your child brings a coat, hat and gloves into nursery as they will still be accessing the garden and outing trips during the cold weather.

#### Introducing Members of our Team –

My name is **Becky Shaw**



I am a Level 3 Early Years Practitioner in the Sunflower room and Unit leader over Sunflower and Tulip. I have joined the Auckland House Team in 2018 as an Apprentice and have enjoyed being part of the team and working with the children and families.

#### Important Messages and Key Dates for Diary

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023- Pumpkin Picking at the Pumpkin patch in High town.

31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 children are welcome to come into nursery dressed up in their favourite Halloween costume.

Polite reminder – Please ensure your children have nappies and wipes in their bags daily.

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### Buttercup

This month our activities have been inspired by the song '12345 once I caught a fish alive' and the story 'Who's at the Zoo?'. We have had great fun exploring the colour blue through many water themed tuff trays, experienced new textures in zoo tuff trays and had lots of fun playing with toy animals.

Along with our many tuff trays we have got crafty this month creating animal print pictures, paper plate fish and water paintings. Our display board is once again filled with all of our wonderful artworks.

### Daisy

We have had so much fun in daisy room this month.

This month the song was wheels on the bus, we loved using different creative tools such as painting, Mark making etc. to make our own buses. We made our own bus passes which the children loved making. We want wheels on the bus song the actions and made our own bus.

Our story this month was the gingerbread man, we loved listening to this story and looking at the pictures. We used lots of Mark making activities to make our own ginger bread men. We also loved decorating edible ginger bread men but our favourite part was definitely eating them.

We have loved playing in the garden, lots of messy play activities and especially loved dancing.

### Snowdrop

In snowdrop room this month our story has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We loved trying all the different foods the caterpillar had to grow. Our favourite was the chocolate muffin. We also got to paint with apples to create a caterpillar. We promote the colours red and green for our caterpillar. We also took part in a threatening activity to make a caterpillar where we used our fine motor skills trying to be the buttons through the string. We hand printed some gorgeous butterflies.

Our song of the month was Incy Wincy spider. We used whipped cream to make a giant spider web while adding some plastic spiders. We made some black spiders using sponges to paint them. We also had to make a very big sun for our spiders and rain drops. We done some Angel delight tuff spot trays to make it a muddy place for our spiders.

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### Daffodil

This month in daffodil room we have been focusing on our different colours, we have done this by reading one of our favourite books which is "Elmer" and singing "I can sing a rainbow". The children have enjoyed recognising the different colours and we have also began to use our counting skills.

For our book Elmer we have decorated our own Elmer's using different coloured crayons, we have also been taking part in elephant tuff trays which the children enjoyed doing as they used the elephants to stomp in the paint and leave marks, we have also made our own tree and rain for Elmer as it cleans Elmer up.

For our story we have been involved in a lot of tuff trays red, yellow, green and blue, we have also been doing a lot of different colours in the tuff tray and seeing if the children recognise the different colours, we have made our own rainbows and got messy in our rainbow tuff tray.

### Sunflower

This past month in Sunflower Room has been full of so many fun activities! We have focused on an underwater theme with our song and story of the month 'Baby Shark' and 'Tiny Whale A Fishy Tale' and have introduced more water play into our messy activities. We have created our own underwater world practising our colours for coral and fish, painting baby sharks and exploring life under the sea! Sunflower Room has also enjoyed exploring the Autumn season, adventuring in the garden, sightseeing the change of colours outside and seeking all shapes and colours of leaves!

### Tulip

This month in Tulip we have been focusing on Autumn, Elmer and the yellow submarine. We have done lots of autumn activities like leaf hunts, making trees and painting leaves. We have enjoyed learning about conkers and pine cones also. For Elmer we did lots of creative activities like making elephants, jungle animals, berries and trees. We also used Elmer to talk about how it is ok to be different. For the yellow submarine we explored yellow tuff trays, made submarines, under the sea tuff trays and made under the sea animals. Next month we will be starting Halloween activities as we learn about Halloween. Our story will be funny bones and our song will be sing a rainbow.

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## Sunflower



## Tulip



Made by our Chef Claire

### Ingredients:

- 8 Granny Smith apples**
- 400g golden caster sugar**
- 1 tsp vinegar**
- 4 tbsp golden syrup**

### Method:

1. Place the apples in a large bowl, then cover with boiling water (you may have to do this in 2 batches). This will remove the waxy coating and help the caramel to stick. Dry thoroughly and twist off any stalks. Push a wooden skewer or lolly stick into the stalk end of each apple.
2. Lay out a sheet of baking parchment and place the apples on this, close to your stovetop. Tip the sugar into a pan along with 100ml water and set over a medium heat. Cook for 5 mins until the sugar dissolves, then stir in the vinegar and syrup. Set a sugar thermometer in the pan and boil to 150C or 'hard crack' stage. If you don't have a thermometer you can test the toffee by pouring a little into a bowl of cold water. It should harden instantly and, when removed, be brittle and easy to break. If you can still squish the toffee, continue to boil it.
3. Working quickly and carefully, dip and twist each apple in the hot toffee until covered, let any excess drip away, then place on the baking parchment to harden. You may have to heat the toffee a little if the temperature drops and it starts to feel thick and viscous. Leave the toffee to cool before eating. Can be made up to 2 days in advance, stored in a dry place.

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