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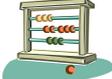
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Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely half term break and the children are well rested. Our main aim is to ensure your child feels happy and safe in school, so please do not hesitate to ask any of the Nursery staff if you have any concerns regarding your child.

This half term the children will be engaging in lots of activities related to Julia Donaldson books.

<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></p>  <p>Much of our work at the beginning of the term will be settling the children into their new routines. We shall be talking about Getting On and Falling Out , strongly focusing on children’s friendships and what it is to be a good friend. Through circle time, we will continue to focus on our listening, speaking, concentrating, looking and thinking skills.</p>	<p><u>Communication, Language and Literacy</u></p>  <p>Speaking, understanding & listening and attention are an ongoing and integral part of each session throughout the year. The children will take part in BLAST and/or Language Steps activities. We will continue encouraging the children to ‘make marks’ in a range of areas within the classroom and help them to read environmental print all around them. All of the children’s writing both Teacher Led and Independent will now be placed in the children’s writing journals. We will also explore how to create and read story maps.</p>	<p><u>Physical Development</u></p>  <p>This half term the focus for the children’s physical development will continue to be around the children’s gross motor skills and a great deal of this work will be completed outside. We will also begin looking at specific fine motor skills to suit the needs of each child through our busy bags and disco dough sessions.</p>
<p><u>Mathematics</u></p>  <p>Our Maths work this half term we will be continuing to make sets and count in sequence. We will be working more with the numicon to promote a multi-sensory approach to children’s understanding of number. We will be exploring the importance to be able to count forwards and backwards. We will be exploring pattern and</p>	<p><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></p>  <p>The children will continue to be encouraged to create lots of independent paintings to develop their mark making skills. We will also have a strong focus on malleable materials and create a whole class collage. Our music sessions will be based upon our Christmas Concert Songs. Our role play area this half term is a home corner and a Cave.</p>	<p><u>Understanding of the World</u></p>  <p>As we were unable to walk to the local shops last half term we will be carrying this activity out this half term. We will be exploring Christmas traditions and go on our annual pantomime trip.</p>

Stay and Play

Stay and Play sessions will now be held once a month. These sessions are a chance for you to stay for the full session and join in the activities that your child engages in on a daily basis. Soon there will be a list on the parents notice board for you to sign up if you would like to join us for stay and play on December 5th for Christmas Crafts! There will be tea and cake and a chance for you to meet other parents and work with your child in a number of activities! Each stay and play will focus on a different area of learning so please join us for as many as you can!

Attendance

This year we are continuing the attendance award system for the children with 100% attendance across the year. There will be a small reward at the end of each half term and a larger reward for those that manage a full term with no absences. There will be a chart in the cloakroom for you to keep an eye on how close you are to the target!

Things to look out for!

You will have noticed some 'pockets' hanging in the corners of the cloakroom. These are your post pockets! Please can you check these on a regular basis for new letters, information etc.

We have been sending home Home Learning challenges every Friday that are linked to activities we are doing in school. All of the children have a home/school file if you choose to return their challenges to Nursery. We feel this has worked well so far this year and you will see some of the Autumn Home Learning challenges displayed in Nursery.

Nursery News will continue to inform you weekly of what your child has been 'up to' in Nursery and any special requests, date reminders for your diary.

Outdoor Play

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum provides learning opportunities through activities inside and outside the classroom. Now the weather gets cooler we advise that your child wears a warm coat (with their name in it) to school, in order for them to experience outside play. We are outside in most weathers! We would also appreciate if the children could have spare clothing within school as outdoor play can be messy!

Home / School Diary

Our Home-School Diaries will be going home on Thursday 10th November. Every child will be given a home/school diary book that they can bring in on a Friday to share news with their friends. It would be really helpful if you could make a few notes of anything exciting the children have been up to at home. The diaries will be given to each child at the end of this half term.

Health and Safety

As the number of children attending nursery is now rising we have a large number of people coming into nursery at the beginning and end of session. For this reason we will now have to ask that pushchairs are left outside under the canopy. Younger siblings are more than welcome to come into Nursery but we ask that the pushchairs are left outside. We are sure you will understand that should there be a fire drill during the beginning or end of the session the pushchairs may become an obstacle during evacuation.



Please note these general reminders...

- ✓ We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week to our fund money, the tin is located in Nursery entrance. Thank you for making this

valuable donation it really makes a difference to the resources and activities that we can offer your child.

- ✓ Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in nursery
- ✓ 'Junk' for models and creative activities is always welcome e.g. pots, boxes, newspapers etc. Please send in what you can as the children use it constantly!! We will also put up specific requests for particular projects.
- ✓ If your child is going home with a relative or another parent please tell staff in the morning or call school to inform them during the day. We will not permit anyone to take your child if we have not been advised by you.

Again, please ask staff if you have any further questions.

Many thanks,

Miss Hill, Mrs Oxley, Mrs Lamb and Miss Shutt