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Excellence and Enjoyment for All

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is lovely to see our children, who started with us when they were two coming back to Nursery ready to learn. Returning from maternity leave, I was delighted to see the amount of progress these children made last year and we are looking forward to another year filled with exciting experiences as we continue to challenge and enthuse your children this year.

As well as the many familiar faces, we would like to formally welcome all new families to Nursery. Many things will be new to you and your child at the moment but we hope you feel settled soon. Our prospectus should help to answer many of your questions and there is always a member of staff available at the beginning and end of each session to help

We will be holding a Parent's Evening later this term where we will let you know how your child has settled and share some assessments and targets with you. It is helpful if you make time to attend these appointments to enable us to work in partnership. Dates and further details of Parent's Evening will be sent out in a separate letter later in the term.

Due to unpredictable weather, please send your child to Nursery in appropriate clothing including a coat suitable for wet weather every day. We aim to make outdoor learning available to our children at some point during each session, so it is vital your child comes dressed appropriately to enable them to take part. If your child comes to Nursery in wellies, please also bring their shoes so that we can change them at Nursery for their comfort and safety.

Please PUT NAMES IN EVERYTHING!!! It is easy to mix up items of clothing, lunch boxes, shoes and water bottles that are not clearly marked with your child's name. Labels will also help your child to recognise their own name if they cannot already.

We are beginning this half term learning through the theme 'Ourselves'. During this topic we will be discussing what we look like, what we are good at, who is in our families and where we live. We will also make comparisons between ourselves and others, comparing hair colour, height and interests. We are also going to be focussing on two feelings each week, so in the first week of term we focussed on 'happy' and 'sad'. In subsequent weeks we will be exploring a range of feelings words through stories songs and games.

Our preschool group of children who are due to go to Reception next September will soon begin taking part in Phase 1 phonics sessions with Rebecca. We usually aim to include each child in at least two groups a week. The main aim of these sessions is to work on listening and attention skills through games and music activities that encourage children to tune in to sounds. Phase 1 phonics lays vital foundations for the subsequent teaching of reading and writing.

If your child has started with us this September, please return your 'All about me' sheet if you have not already done so. This is a useful starting point for getting to know your child and their likes and dislikes. We also need a copy of your child's birth certificate to be kept in your child's file.

We usually choose key worker groups after the first two weeks in Nursery. This allows new children to make bonds with staff. We will put a new key worker list up on the parent noticeboard inside the entrance where the children's coat pegs are so that you can find out who your child's key worker is. If your child's key worker last year was Rebecca, Sarah or Claire, that will stay the same. Jenny will be working over in main school more this year, supporting teaching staff in other classes as well as continuing to work with us in Nursery. For this reason, if your child's key worker last year was Jenny, this will change, but Jenny will continue to work closely with your child as well.

Please check in your child's bag each day for letters home so that you are up to date with all that is going on. We look forward to sharing many more exciting learning experiences with your child as they continue their learning journey with us.

Kind regards
Rebecca Mubiru

Nursery Manager

