



Dear Parents,

We will be helping your children to settle in to their new Nursery Class and find their way around their new environment. We are looking forward to helping your children to develop lots of new skills and to introduce them to lots of new first-hand experiences. We will spend some time getting to know your children, finding out about their interests and ensuring that they feel comfortable and secure at Nursery.

Nursery Themes

The Nursery team are looking forward to sharing an exciting term with your children. The themes planned will be based on the children's interests and we hope to cover a variety of topics, but to start with, we will do a topic called 'Who am I?', which will help us to get to know each other. We will also learn some songs and Nursery Rhymes, plus learn to re-tell a few Traditional stories, using actions and story maps.

Clothing

The children will need to wear school uniform to Nursery. Please make sure that everything has a name label as this really helps us to identify belongings. Children also need to have a labelled pair of wellies (to be kept in school) for our frequent 'Welly Walks'. The children will play both indoors and outdoors, even when the weather is somewhat rainy or cold, so please send your child in with a coat, hat and/or gloves, according to the weather.

Snack

The children will have a social snack each day where they will be offered fruit or vegetables. We are also planning to give the children opportunities to cook in small groups during the term. So, in order to do this, we will be asking for a small donation of £2 each 'big' Term, for ingredients towards cooking and messy play, or £6 for the whole year. We will avoid nuts and meat products to ensure that children with NUT Allergies are safe and Dietary requirements are met. The children need to be registered with the 'Cool Milk' scheme, in order to have milk daily. We would also like children to bring in a water bottle, labelled with their name. This should contain water only please, no juice or squash.

Learning Journey Books and Interactive Learning Diary.

Each child will have a Learning Journey Book which will provide you with a taste of what your child has been doing throughout the year and this will go home in July as part of their Report. This will include photos as well as samples of work.

In addition to this we will be using an Interactive Learning Diary to record observations, photos and videos of what the children have been learning across the year. Parents will be able to access this diary with a password online, for set times during the term and also have the opportunity to contribute to it with photos and videos from home too!

Homework

The children will be given 'Homework' books when they start Nursery, these are for you to include drawings, paintings or photos of exciting things done at home on the weekends or during school holidays. We will show Homework books to the class, when a child has brought it back to school. These books are designed to prompt conversations and questions, which will develop the children's speaking and listening skills.

We look forward to a busy and exciting term in the Nursery. Please feel free to speak to a member of the Nursery Staff if you have any worries, questions or queries.

Many thanks for your support

Mrs Granger & Miss Newton

(Class Teacher) & (Nursery Assistant)