



Summernote

Nursery

5th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Nursery! We hope you and your children had a good summer and are ready for the busy and exciting term that lies ahead.

THE EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM

In Nursery, our themes and activities are taken from the children's interests. Every day the children have Child Initiated Learning (ChIL), whereby they engage in different activities linked to all the areas of the curriculum. During this time the adults play alongside the children identifying what the children know through skilful questioning and conversation and then move them on in this area. The children also have short focused activities which are planned and led by the Nursery team. As the term progresses we will explore the season 'Autumn' and also find out about Bonfire Night and the Hindu Festival 'Diwali'. If you have any exciting experiences or celebrations coming up over the next term, please let us know so we can incorporate these into our learning experiences for the children.



NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices will be placed on the Notice board inside Nursery and also via Parentmail, so please keep a check on these. Please hand any correspondence to us in person in a named envelope as book bags are not necessarily checked daily.

MEET THE TEACHER

We would like to invite you to a short Meet the Teacher session on Monday 26th September at 9:05am or an alternative date, Wednesday 28th September at 11:15am or 2:30pm. The meeting will take place in the Nursery classroom and will give you an overview of the teaching and learning in Nursery and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your child's time with us.



FOREST SCHOOL

In Nursery, we will have two Forest School sessions per week. Forest School provides an excellent chance for the children to explore and experience the natural world. Please ensure your child has wellies and waterproof clothing at Nursery, as we do go out in **ALL** weather conditions, excluding high winds.



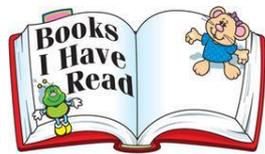
OUR NURSERY TEDDY

In Nursery, we will have a class teddy which the children will name. Each week a different child will be chosen to have the special job of looking after the teddy over the weekend! It would be wonderful if you could support your child in filling out a diary entry in the teddy's book. This could be a picture/photograph of his adventures, or a brief explanation of where he has been.



LEARNING JOURNEYS

Throughout your child's time in Nursery, we will be putting together a 'Learning Journey'. This is a record of their achievements and progress, and will include photos, observations and recorded comments. On occasions, there may be photos of your child interacting with other children. If there is any reason you do not want to have your child's photo in another child's Learning Journey, please let us know. We also value your child's experiences and achievements outside of school; therefore, in the Nursery cloakroom you will find some 'Wow Stars'. Please feel free to complete one of these to share your child's news – these may include important steps such as trying a new food, riding a bike without stabilisers or an achievement in dancing etc. These will then be added and form a valuable part of their Learning Journey.



LIBRARY BOOKS

The children will choose and bring home a library book every night to share with you. If they haven't 'read' it and wish to keep the same book a second night, this is absolutely fine.

FINALLY

The most important thing is that your child is happy at school and has fun while they are learning. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns.

Many Thanks,

Miss Webster and Mrs Jolley

