Nursery - Autumn 1 2017

Dear parents and carers,

This term we will be focusing on: Settling in/Traditional tales

Personal, Social, Emotional Development	We will be supporting the children as they take their first steps in school and helping them to settle as quickly as possible by inviting parents to stay and play a little in the mornings and providing photos of the children's families in the setting. We will be helping the children to make friends and modelling friendly behaviour such as good sharing. We will also be learning and practicing our classroom routines for tidying up, lining up etc.
Physical Development	We will be encouraging the children to speak in full sentences and listen to each other and the adults in nursery. We will collect and learn new and interesting words to develop our vocabulary. We will be listening to sounds, songs, rhymes and stories and joining in with them! We will be developing our awareness of language and sounds through nursery rhymes, songs and Phase 1 phonics activities.
Communication & Language	The children will be exploring their new school environment and developing their confidence in climbing, riding bikes and building with blocks. We will be working on our running skills in the playground and in our weekly PE sessions. The children will be supported to develop independence with all their toileting, dressing and feeding needs while at school. We will encourage the children to be confident to independently express their needs to staff.
Literacy	We will be introducing the children to a range of traditional tales. To help the children familiarise themselves with these stories, we will be doing acting out and retelling activities. We will also provide a range of materials throughout the nursery setting for the children to develop their mark making skills. We will help the children begin to write their names.
Mathematics	We will be working on counting to 10. We will also introduce numeral recognition, 2-D shapes (circle, square, triangle, and rectangle) and the skill of counting through one to one correspondence. We will also introduce mathematical language in relation to size (small, medium, large), position (on, in, under, next to) and quantity (lot, few, more, less). We will develop this through hands-on, practical activities.
Understanding the World	We will be learning about ourselves and sharing information about our likes, dislikes, homes, families and friends. We will be celebrating the children as individuals and helping them to talk confidently and positively about themselves. We will introduce the children to the range of technology and technological toys in the nursery and helping them to develop their skills and understanding of how to use and care for it.
Expressive Arts & Design	We will be encouraging children to express themselves in a variety of ways, including through dance, paint, modelling, drawing, singing and playing musical instruments. We will offer the children the opportunity to be creative in a range of art activities and learn how to create different effects with different media. The children will be encouraged to engage in imaginative role play in various areas of the nursery with a

range of props.

Trips this term:

The children will be going out on a variety of local area trips linked to the work they are carrying out in the classroom. These will involve small groups of children at different times during the term.

These trips will include:- farm, local area walks, shape walks, experiencing different forms of transport- train, tube and buses.

Reminders

PE days

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Glasses:

If your child wears glasses please ensure they bring them to school everyday.