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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to all our families for this first half term of the new academic school year. For some of you we are welcoming familiar faces who are returning after the summer holiday and for others we are saying hello to you for the very first time. We are thrilled at how well the children are settling into Nursery life and beginning to work out and follow new routines, or alternatively remembering to model them for our newer children. Either way we are seeing and enjoying a lovely calm and settled start and are very proud of the children as we appreciate this is a 'big' thing and not to be underestimated. We will be welcoming new starters during the course of this term and so are hoping that this will continue!

Thank you to you for your part in this as well because the trust you put in us and the speedy way you may have handed over to us an uncertain child helps us to lessen their worries by making the goodbye a shorter less stressful time and we can honestly say that so far, any tears or doubts the children may have had have usually gone by the time the outer door has closed!

This term is very much a getting to know you term where we will focus on ourselves and our clever bodies., what makes us special and to begin to appreciate that we are all different but just as important as each other. We will talk about our families, homes, likes and dislikes and enjoy different circle time activities where the children are encouraged to take a turn and offer their own thoughts and ideas. Not only that, but the other children are encouraged to really listen to what they have to say. Circle times can be really special moments in our smaller groups. We will also enjoy different art activities and music sessions where the children are encouraged to have a go and use different materials or movements.

The weather is not being kind to us right now and seems to have bypassed summer a little! We do try to get outside each day and so do ask please that your child has an appropriate coat every day that will be both warm and practical. Should we be surprised by a late Indian summer then could we please ask that sun cream is applied prior to the session although it does feel a little optimistic writing this. Alternatively should the weather continue to decline then a hat and gloves are always welcome and could be left either in your child's box in the Nursery entrance or tucked inside the hood/sleeve of their coat.

We will be working with the new starters on some Baseline activities over the next few weeks and then when the children have had time to settle and we have got to really know them we will invite you in to discuss these and to see the beginning of our Learning Journals which we will document mainly with annotated photographs. We will also have individual items recorded in separate folders where appropriate.

Should you ever have any worries, queries or concerns then please know that you can always talk to a member of our staff but we will ask that you avoid door time for this please as it is an important time for us to either welcome or see home lots of children safely. We may be able to speak to you either before or after this or may need to arrange a separate time for this as soon as is possible.

We have placed on the shelves near our Nursery door our money boxes and welcome a weekly £1 voluntary contribution which helps with additional resource costs such as visitors, playdough and baking ingredients or party arrangements at Christmas.

We will send out half termly newsletters to keep you informed about important dates and the focus for your child's learning through our topic based approach should you wish to support them with this at home.

Thank you,

Nursery staff  
Mrs C. Lewis

Mrs S. Little

Mrs L. Macfarlane

