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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are writing the final letter of the academic year. For many children this will be their last term in Nursery with us and they have much to celebrate in terms of what they have achieved.

Sometimes we find that they may appear a little more unsettled than usual but it is understandable with a lot of talk about change from most people who meet them.

In Nursery it is our aim to make the transition as smooth as possible into Reception and we will be arranging visits through there to allay any worries or fears they may have. This will include time in classrooms but also for time in the playground too.

For the children who are staying in Nursery for longer it can be a strange feeling knowing too that they are not moving up just yet and we will make that exciting by helping them to know that we will be welcoming lots of new friends for them after the holidays.

The children have had a great couple of terms/year in Nursery and should be very proud of themselves.

Our new topic this term is to be based around bears. We will have weekly themes and these are outlined below to try and help you in supporting what we are covering and when.

Week 1 7.6.16 Our Special bears (Personal and social focus).

Week 2 13.6.16 Old/New bears, (history focus and a time-line of old and new).

Week 3 20.6.16 Health and fitness week - including a teddy bear's picnic and a focus on France as our class's selected country. We shall look at food from France and taste some food traditionally associated with the country. We shall also focus on healthy foods.

Week 4 27.6.16 Famous bears - history/geography and literacy focus. Pudsey/Paddington/Winnie the Pooh/ Rupert Bear will be talked about and also the World Map will be looked at for Peru.

Week 5 4.7.16 Real bears - Grizzly/ polar/panda bears and also the 'Koala' bear, (not a real bear), will be studied. (Understanding the world focus).

Week 6 11.7.16 Real bears - The habitats for these bears will be talked about and found on a world map. (Geography skills within Understanding the world a main focus).

Week 7 18.7.16 Favourite bear stories

It will be a busy term but hopefully you can see it should be a fun and exciting one for the children.

We still have a few letter sounds to cover and the remaining ones are y, j, w, x, qu and z. We are continuing to work with the little red letter sound books for the older children and are seeing a big difference in the recognition of some sounds with these.

In maths we will focus on the recognition of numbers to 10 and 20 and also the use of correct 2-D and 3-D shape names. We will also work on size and weight and introduce the correct vocabulary for talking about these concepts.

The children will continue to visit the ICT suite for their regular timetabled slot and also the studio and hall. In music we shall be focusing on rhythm and trying to encourage the children to hear rhythmic patterns for them to clap or tap back. In PE we shall be helping the children to take their shoes and socks off in preparation for changing into PE kits in Reception. We shall be working on some basic Gym skills such as balance and rolling.

Whilst we may be forgiven for not fully knowing if we are actually in summer yet due to the weather so far, we do need to ask please for your co-operation in applying sun cream before the Nursery sessions. We will be outside for longer as the weather improves and base more of our learning outdoors so would ask for a named sunhat please. Whilst it can be hot when the children arrive we know only too well this is changeable and ask for a coat each day just in case. We ask for no sandals please for either boys or girls in order to protect the children when using the wheeled or climbing equipment. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning and in your partnership with us. It is very much appreciated.

Mrs C. Lewis

Mrs S. Little