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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We have enjoyed welcoming back our Butterflies and Ladybirds after what is probably the busiest school holiday for the children. They have settled in well after the excitement of Christmas and are reminding themselves of our rules and routines. We are enjoying introducing some new starters to the groups. The children have been very helpful and friendly towards the new children and we have no doubt that in just a few more days we will probably be unable to see who the most recent starters have been! They soon adapt and surprise us- or you!

Thank you for your constant support in your child's learning. As the children take new steps along their learning journey we urge you to remember to keep us informed of any little milestones at home, those special little moments which you realise are significant in their progress and we ask that you jot these down on the learning journey squares. There is a box of spare forms in the Nursery entrance next to the money tin should you have misplaced yours or even better, used them all up! We do include these in your child's books so it is a way of involving you in their special journey too.

Whilst we are talking about the Nursery entrance briefly we would like to take this opportunity to politely remind you of the weekly voluntary contribution of just £1. This can make a significant difference to some of the things we plan for or purchase for your children and although it is only a small amount we actually only received about a third last term to what we might have expected.

Our topic is based upon animals this term and we will be looking at different groups of animals in different weekly themes, ie. zoo, pets, farm. We will continue to display themes on our Nursery noticeboard in the entrance above the coat pegs along with weekly letter sounds to be covered and the number work or maths focus to be covered. Later this half term we are expecting Kirkleatham Owl Centre to bring along some animals for the children to see and learn more about. We also enjoy regular visits from our local librarian who selects appropriate books to support our topics.

We will be learning the sounds in the suggested order of the Jolly Phonics program and revising s,a,t,i,p and n before looking at m,d,o,g,c and k. We enjoy the songs for these which you can search for on You Tube as Jolly Phonics Phase 1 and then Phase 2. Our maths will continue to focus on numbers to 10 and the careful counting out of objects from groups or as pictures along with the formation of individual numbers. We will also be learning about 2D Shapes, time, weight, patterns, size and money and how we might come across these in our daily lives. At this stage in their learning especially, it is important that the children can see the relevance to their learning and make a connection between it and their daily lives.

Thank you for regularly informing us of changes to pick up or drop off arrangements. We have had only a few occasions where someone unknown to us has come to collect a child and whilst we appreciate you are not there and another person is so it is looks clear of your wishes we hope you will understand that to us you might actually just be running late. If it is a pre-planned arrangement then a quick call or a mention on a prior door time is helpful and if it is an unforeseen delay and necessary change on the day then a quick call to school helps allay any worries and allows everyone to know we are keeping the children safe.

As we know, the temperature can vary quite a lot from one day to another and we ask please that your child has a hat and gloves to help them in their Outdoor Play. It can be very cold particularly handling equipment which is already cold outside. It is possible to get anti-slip gloves too (Boyes have had them before), if you are concerned about grip when handling equipment.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs C.Lewis

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