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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now into the final term for many of our Nursery children and for our younger children a more settled one for them now that they are into the routines and ways of Nursery. The children returned brilliantly after the Easter break which is a long one and can see some a little unsettled initially. We do often say though that children do like routine and enjoy the security that it offers them.

We have begun our focus for this half term on Fairy Tales and Traditional Tales already having read *The Ugly Duckling*, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We have done some planting of beans and are hoping to see where our beanstalks lead us! (Or if they grow some beans at least!). The children will bring these home once they have started to grow and begun to understand that the plants need the light, water and food from the soil to grow. We would love to see any photos if your beanstalks grow and even welcome a bean or two in to show the children what has happened over time. We will also focus on size, numbers and some baking. Other books will include *The Gingerbread Man* and *The Three Little Pigs*.

We welcome hearing about and sharing in any little milestones achieved at home that we may not be aware of and so are sending some of the Learning Journey 'squares' home for us to include in your child's special folder should you have any things you wish to share with us, ie, getting dressed by themselves, swimming, riding a bike, etc. These do not all have to be completed and returned at once but feel free to send in any whenever you feel that a little milestone has been reached.

It is already that time of year when we begin to think about those children moving up to Reception and for those children you should now all have had the letter about the Reception parents meeting and the school dinner transition days.

The children thoroughly enjoyed having the Living Eggs and seeing the chicks as they hatched and developed. It really is a little bit of magic and awe and wonder for us. This is thanks to the money raised from our sponsored Teddy Tiddle which we do each year and will aim to do early next half term, usually in Health and Fitness week but a letter will be sent out nearer the time. We are also lucky this year in that a Daddy has very kindly taken the chicks to care for them and has said he will keep us updated with photos and information about how the chicks are doing which will be fantastic.

We have a home corner again this term having enjoyed the Vets last term. We are looking for donations for dressing up outfits for the home corner so that the children can imitate being at home!! Slightly bigger sizes would be preferential to make it easier for the children to get changed into. Bigger shirts, overalls and coats would be great! Thank you!

We are constantly encouraging the children to take a pride in their things and to play and tidy away carefully with the toys. We have been repairing books quite a bit recently and would be grateful if you could help support us in reminding the children about how the books in Nursey are just as precious as those at home. Sometimes a shared message can make a difference.

In the hope that this cold spell doesn't stay I'll dare to suggest that sun cream and sun hats may be needed soon! Sun cream needs to be applied before the sessions please and although it may seem warm/hot we do still ask for a coat each day because of how changeable our weather can be. The sun hats can be kept either on your child's peg or in their box if it is easier for them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a query or concern that we can help with. Sometimes something that can seem quite small to us can seem much bigger to your child and if we can help we will.

We will look forward to receiving some of the completed Learning Journey success squares!

Mrs C. Lewis, Mrs S. Little, Miss E. Cuthbert, Miss V. Okey