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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we have now entered the Summer term, which for many of our children is their final term in Nursery with us. During this term we will be continuing to help them with their letter sound recognition and knowledge of numbers to 10. We will also be working on name writing which helps them to feel that bit more independent when they start in Reception.

Our main theme for this half term is Brilliant Bears and we have chosen a different weekly focus which offer us opportunities to build on a wider general knowledge and skill base. These include an introduction to the bears topic in general and then looking at old bears and new bears comparing their materials and the way they are made. We will then move on to looking at real bears and the different types and where they live. As part of the whole school Health and Fitness week we aim to include our annual sponsored Teddy Toddle. A letter about this will be sent out very shortly. As well as real bears we shall be enjoying teddy bear stories regularly including some of the more famous bears such as Rupert, Paddington and Winnie the Pooh.

In recent weeks we have been going to the studio where we enjoyed music sessions handling different instruments and following signals. The children showed a good level of involvement and control during these sessions whilst feeling part of the larger school community as we went on our 'travels'.

We are hoping that we also get to think of this as the 'Summer' Term too because we are able to enjoy some summer weather of course! Should we be this lucky then the children are encouraged to bring a sun cap for outdoors and we ask that they arrive having had sun cream already applied. (Names in caps is really useful as there can often be several duplicates in a session). We ask too that sandals are not worn as they can cause injury for children who choose to use the wheeled equipment or climbing apparatus. As the weather is so unpredictable we ask that the children continue to bring a coat with them just in case. If the weather does improve you may want to check their spare clothes bags as sometimes we can be changing them into some very wintery warm clothing!

As we move closer towards the summer and talk becomes more frequent about moving into Reception for the older children please be mindful that it can be quite unsettling for the children and sometimes they aren't quite as excited as we can be as grown ups. We do work on transition with the new teachers and classes so that by the time their move happens they do feel ready and confident and we see them flourish as they enjoy new steps along their Learning Journey. You will shortly have the opportunity, for parents of the older children, to attend a meeting to find out more about their time in Reception and there will also be a transition day where children will spend time with their new teacher. The school dinner day also offers the children the chance to experience being in the school hall so it is already something they are familiar with before September.

Our younger children are looking a lot more settled now and have formed stronger friendships which is always lovely to see. We need to be mindful too though that some of these friendships may be affected by older children moving on or even children who will be swapping sessions from September. We are looking forward to a term where we can enjoy the children's progress and build on it for all the children in their different stages along their Learning Journeys. For any of the younger new children who did not have the opportunity for a Parent Consultation we will put a notice up in the entrance shortly for you to sign up to should you wish to speak to us about how your child has/is settling. Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs C. Lewis, Mrs S. Little and Miss Cuthbert (Nursery staff).