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Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to our new families. Our older children are helping to show our new starters what Nursery has to offer and we are delighted how everyone is doing. Parents and Carers of our new children have had a chance to look round Nursery during their 'Stay and Play' session, if any of our older children's families would like to come and have a look, please just ask and we will be happy to show you round.

We were delighted to receive our outdoor coat order at the end of last week. The children looked great in the coats. We have been asked a few times about wellies and if the children need to leave a pair in Nursery. At the moment the answer is no, we will have a think about this as the weather changes.

We no longer follow half termly topics, instead we have a weekly theme that is inspired by the children's interests. We also use books to inspire these weekly themes. A lot of the stories we will use will have repetitive refrain (where the same line is read repeatedly) or have a rhyming tone throughout. The reason for this is that research has shown if children listen to rhyme and refrain it helps with memory skills and supports with early reading skills. In Nursery we also use Phase 1 phonics, this will focus on how children hear sounds. We will send home suggestions of things to do with your child in the coming weeks.

Thank you for the email addresses you have provided to register your account with Target Tracker Link. You should receive an email once we have registered your email; check your spam/trash folders, just in case it has gone in there. We will also send home a leaflet to guide you on the registration process. If you have any problems with this or haven't received the email then please speak to a member of Nursery staff.

The children look great in their new uniforms and it has helped the children become more independent when using the toilet. However should your child not make it to the toilet in time we will use the spare clothes provided on their peg and we will place the wet clothing on your child's peg in a plastic bag. This also applies if your child has got wet during water play.

In Mrs Dohring's absence Miss Turner has joined our Nursery Team. Last week, Miss Turner enjoyed meeting the End Flexi Foxes and Owls and the Hedgehogs and Rabbits.

Last week we introduced toast to our snack menu for our AM children and Flexi children. It went down a storm, so we have decided to offer this option every morning. We would be really grateful for a £1 contribution each half term to fund the supply of bread and butter. Nursery smelt so homely with the wonderful smell of toast and it definitely helped settle some of our children and their rumbling tummies.

Finally I was surprised how many boxes of tissues we went through last week. Any donations of tissues would be gratefully received.

Kind regards

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