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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family enjoyed the Christmas break and the magic of Santa. The children deserved a good holiday after the long term we had and all the illnesses many were fighting off too. Thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts. They were much appreciated.

The Christmas parties were enjoyed and for those who were poorly Santa was fast running out of his special magic dust as he had so many presents which he needed to sprinkle it over so it was extra special for those children who were unable to be there. We are continuing to welcome some new children into Nursery over the coming few weeks and then will be just about full. Our topic for this half term is based upon Animals. We will talk about the different types of animals we have and where we find them. We will focus on nocturnal animals, those from the jungle and the farm and also pets as well. We shall talk about size and so think about big animals and those which are small. We shall also learn about animals found in the sea and enjoy some creative art work based on all of these. In PE we shall think about how many of these animals might move, ie. quietly, quickly, slowly, jumping, sliding etc.

There will be a lot of speaking and listening through group times, story times and singing rhymes and animal songs. Listening to one another is an important skill and one the children are helped to master, understanding that they like others to listen to them and beginning to respond to things that are said. We will also be welcoming some visitors into the Early Years who will bring some animals along for the children to see and handle. A letter will be sent home nearer the time about this in case of allergies. It is an excellent opportunity for the children and a chance to hear facts from the experts!

Please can we ask that you maybe check your child's spare clothes bag if you have not done so for a while as many of the children have grown and their clothes can often be too small. Whilst it is this cold we do encourage the children to have a warm coat and a hat and gloves. These can be left tucked in the sleeve of a coat or in their boxes if it is easier.

We are getting back in our routines following the Christmas activities and would like to politely remind you of our Nursery session start times as many children have been arriving up to half an hour late on a regular basis and it will mean either disturbed group times or missed opportunities should your child's group have already had their turn in the quiet room. We would appreciate your support with this thank you.

We will continue to baseline our new starters and then offer more parent consultations for those children who started later last term and those who are entering Nursery now.

Should you have any queries or concerns please do always ask. It may seem a small concern or issue for your child but that sometimes can be really big to them and the difference between them feeling very happy or a little uneasy. If we can help, we will.

Thank you for your support as we help your child take their next steps along their Learning Journey.

Nursery Staff,

Mrs C. Lewis,

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Mrs S. Little



