Early Years Newsletter Autumn Term 1

The Early Years team are...

Class Teachers:
Mrs Harris
Miss Sharp

Additional Staff:
Mrs Abbott
Mrs Herridge
Mrs Lomax

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

Welcome to the new school year and welcome also to our new arrivals in Reception and Nursery! We hope the children are as excited as we are about the year of learning ahead. We can't wait to get started and get to know the new children. All children are different and some will settle in more quickly than others. If you do have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the early years staff. We are here to listen and to help in any way to ensure that your child's transition to school is as smooth as possible.

Settling in...

These first few weeks in school are spent helping the children understand routines and expectations of being at school. It helps us if you encourage your child to understand the importance of listening carefully to adults and how to share and take turns. The children are already doing so well in following the school routine, making new friends, playing and learning well together.

A few things to note...

The mornings can be a challenging time of the day, with all the pupils eager to start the day. Please help them build independence by saying goodbye at the door, letting them hang up their coat and put away their book bags and water bottles.

Please can you use book bags to transport books and letters home instead of ruck sacks. Book bags fit neatly into the children's draws leaving coat hooks available for winter coats and jumpers.

We use wellington boots as our outdoor footwear for wet weather. We also teach the children to change their school shoes for wellingtons when using the mud kitchen and sand pit areas. If you haven't already, please provide a pair of named wellington boots and keep these on the boot rack by the classroom door.

We are lucky to have our large lovely outdoor learning area. We ask that you help us to look after the area by not allowing your children to play before or after school on the equipment.

Thank you.

Key Dates To Remember This Term

Children Return	5 Sept 2022
Flu Vaccinations	12 October 2022
Last day of Term at 3.15pm	21 October 2022

Further Communication

Keep an eye on our Communication board and posters on the classroom door for messages affecting Reception and Nursery. We update our website weekly and the school office will email you newsletters, letters and other communications. Any queries please find a member of staff.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our stars of last term...



Each term we will share our class stars names here!

Our Value This Term is...

Friendship

Important Notices

Show and Tell

Has your child achieved something outside of school? Given an award, won a competition, achieved a badge, or any other proud moments that we would like to help them celebrate in school. Please do share this with us by bringing it in or showing some photographs.

PE Day

PE for Reception and Nursery is on a **Thursday morning** with either our sports coach Mr Deverall or **Mrs Harris.**

Wellington Boots

We ask that for the children to use the mud kitchen and the sand pit they will need wellington boots. These will need to be named and can be left at school in the wellington holders outside of Donaldson classroom.

Name Belongings

Please name all of your child's belongings clearly.

Tapestry

Look out for an email from Tapestry. Tapestry is our online learning journal. We have been setting up the children's portfolios and parent access. You will receive an email asking you to set up a user account and password.

Please follow the link and instructions within the email. Should you encounter any difficulties setting your account up, this video tutorial will talk your though the process

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7ROkDnb4I0&list=PLthyVDX1AWQJeGUqAna3ZEhEqbgjdx0Yt&index=1

If you have not received the email, please check with a member of FSU staff that the email address we have for you is correct.

Our focus this term is settling in and getting to know the children, their skills and their interests. We carry out discrete assessments to find out what the child know already and use this to plan the next stage of their learning. During this topic we celebrate everyone being different and unique. We look at people in the community who help us and consider some real life heroes. Later this term we will look at the Autumn season and Harvest. We will create autumn inspired art work, go on nature walks, collect fallen treasures and cook some 'Harvest' vegetable soup.

Literacy

The children will listen to a selection of fiction and non-fiction books, including some of their favourite tales. Reception children will be introduced to Read Write Inc phonics. They will learn the first set of sounds and start to blend sound together to read simple words. While nursery children will practice developing their skills of listening and identifying sounds, and exploring rhymes.

Maths

In maths we will be working with the children to find out what they already know! We will be counting, matching and recognising numbers to ten, and some may go beyond. The children will learn number songs and rhymes to sing in school and at home.

Religious Education

This term we ask "Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?" We will learn about the creation story and how we can care for our wonderful world.

Understanding the World

We will be identifying and experiencing seasonal changes in the world around us. The children will be encouraged to share their ideas and experiences reflecting on past and present events in their own lives. Outdoor play is an essential part of the Foundation day. Please remember that in order for your child to take part in all activities safely they should wear sensible school shoes and have wellington boots for outdoor play.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will begin to explore a variety of construction materials and begin to use tools for a purpose. We will explore how different media can be combined to create new effects and how colours can be mixed to make new colours. In our art attack topic we will explore and recreate some art in the style of artists Mondrian and Kandinsky. We will paint with a variety of media including our hands!

Physical Development

In PE children will be developing their fundamental movement skills through games and activities delivered by our sports coach Mr Deverall.