

Explorers - Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We would like to give a special welcome to our new starters in Reception and Nursery. The Reception children were amazing and have settled very well and we look forward to welcoming our Nursery children next week.



Our year starts with a focus on helping the children to settle into the setting after a very unusual year. In the first few weeks we will be using the SMILE recovery curriculum as a starting point and our Mini Adventure is '**Only One You - Smile and be Happy**'. We are using some lovely Key Texts and have lots of activities planned for the children that we know they will love and enjoy. Please see the Mini Adventure Context Plan for more information.



Physical development is very important in the Early Years and will ensure that the children have plenty of opportunities to be physically active throughout the day/week. The children will take part in a variety of activities, these will include Dance using the BBC Schools Let's Move programme, Children's Yoga, Move with the Sticky Kids, Go Noodle, Bikes and Scooter sessions and also a PE skills session. The children will also have their playtime and lunchtime sessions to play with their friends. There will be a variety of equipment available for the children to use/play with during these sessions, this will vary and change and will only be used by the children in our zone.



In Early Years we do not have set days for Outdoor & Forest Based Learning but each week we will be spending lots of time playing and learning outdoors. These activities will vary and take place in all weathers! The children will be wearing the appropriate clothing. Some of these activities can be wet and messy, but fun! We have school waterproof jackets and trousers or all in one waterproofs for the children to wear so you don't need to provide these.

We do however ask that all children have the following in school items in school every day - **a named pair of wellies, a waterproof coat and a warm pair of socks**. The wellies and socks can all stay in school. Please can you ensure that all items of clothing and wellies are named, this helps us to return items to the correct child.



Throughout the Autumn term the children will take part in lots of food preparation, cooking and baking. Some of the things we will be making are fruit kebabs, sandwiches, muffin pizzas, vegetable soup and fruit crumble. The children really enjoy this and covers many areas of learning and development. To help with the cost we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards ingredients. This can be sent into school (Explorers zone) in a named envelope.

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