

Dear Parents and Carers,

September 2021

Welcome back!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer and a big hello to all our new children and their families who are joining us this term! This half term we will be settling into Nursery, learning the routine and getting to know our friends and teachers. We will be learning about making the right choices and in particular some of the rules we have at school to keep us safe. We will be getting to know where everything is and learning how to tidy up!

Our topic is: Getting to know you!

During this topic we will be talking to the children about the special people in their lives and their family members. We believe that children feel safe when they see familiar things around them, so we will be displaying the children's family photographs around the classroom to build a sense of security and develop their self esteem. We would also like to put a photograph of each child on their peg where they will be hanging their belongings. We feel this will make the children feel at home as soon as they come into the classroom.

Please could you email us a photograph of your child and a photograph of your child's family to the class email at the bottom of this page. Thank you.

In Nursery each child is paired with a key person. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be helping the children settle in and will be giving each child a Key Person. This person will be responsible for ensuring that the children feel comfortable and confident within our provision. A healthy attachment to a key person is vital to development, and gives your child a nurturing environment for them to learn and grow. A key person may be a teacher or teaching assistant however Mrs Thornley and Mrs Cox will have overall responsibility for your child's care and education. We will let you know who your child's Key Person is in the next few weeks.

Each week a Weekly Snapshot will be uploaded onto the school website and Tapestry so that you can see the activities your child will be participating in throughout the week. Please feel free to upload your own photographs onto Tapestry of important events or experiences your child is having in their home life.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us. We are always happy to speak to you at the start or end of the day or if you'd prefer you can contact us through the class email.

Many Thanks
Mrs Thornley and Mrs Cox

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