

Dear Nursery (F1) Parents and Carers,

This half-term our topic focuses on 'Light and dark'.

We will read lots of stories this half-term, linked to different colours such as 'Elmer the Patchwork Elephant', 'The Rainbow Fish', 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and 'Polar Bear Polar Bear'.

We will use lots of colours in our creative work, learning how to mix them together to make different colours.

We will tell our friends all that we know about nocturnal animals- what does the word 'nocturnal' mean? Which animals are nocturnal?

We will be talking about keeping safe when walking home during the dark evenings, always holding onto our parents hand and never going near the road alone.

Our RE theme is 'Christmas'. We will talk about Christmas time and talk about the presents we would like to receive and the presents we will be giving others. We will talk about what it feels like to give someone else a present.

We will talk about the importance of saying thank you when someone gives us something.

We will read The Christmas Story and talk about why Christians believe Jesus was a special baby.

We will be practising singing for our Christmas Coffee Morning- we hope all of our family members can come and join in too.

Our Design and Technology sessions will focus around 'soup'. We will be talking about different fruit and vegetables- which is a fruit and which is a vegetable? We will talk about our favourite soup and make a tally on which is the class favourite. Together, we will make and taste the soup...yum yum!

### **General Information:**

Morning nursery begins at 8:45am. Staff will greet children at the nursery gates. Children will come into nursery, put their wellies on and access the outdoor environment until 9am each morning. If your child comes to school late and the gates are locked, please take them to the reception office and a member of nursery staff will collect them from there.

The session for part time morning children finishes at 11:45am. Please wait for your child at the nursery gates and a member of staff will send them out to you as soon as they are ready.

Full time children will need a healthy packed lunch (please do not send food with any nut content and grapes will need to be cut in half lengthways).

Nursery finishes at 3:30pm for full time children. Please wait at the nursery gates and a member of staff will send your child out to you. Parents can pick their nursery child up earlier if their siblings are in a class with an earlier finish time (please let staff know if you need to do this).

Please send your child with a bottle of water in a labelled water bottle for them to access throughout the day. It will be sent home each day to be cleaned and returned the next day.

Library will continue to be held in the school hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, and we will let you know in advance if we need to change any of the sessions. We hope you can come along, choose a story and read with your child. Children learn so much language from these sessions and reading for pleasure is so important to all of our children.

Your child will need a pair of wellies for outdoor playtime. The field can sometimes become quite wet and muddy, yet the children still love to be out there! This will also help keep indoor shoes clean and carpets mud-free!

Please remember, as the weather is becoming colder, children will need appropriate outdoor clothing. Warm coats, hats and gloves are essential as we spend lots of learning time outdoors.

As usual, if anyone different is to pick your child up from Nursery, or you are going to be later than expected, please let a member of staff know, or give the school a ring. Also, please could you collect your child promptly at 11:45am or 3:30pm for full time children. Thank you.

### How can you help at home?

Ask your child what they have been doing at nursery. Talk to them about what they enjoy doing.

Sing rhymes and songs. Ask them about their favourite songs. Tell them about your favourite songs.

Talk to your child. Ask them questions. Language development is everything at this age!

Read, read, read! Ask questions about the main characters, where the stories are set and what happens in the story.

Count at every opportunity. Show them 'how many' using their fingers.

Encourage them to mark– make every day. Let them draw on the paths using buckets of water and brushes or chalks.

Let them see you writing. Explain what you are writing (give writing a purpose).

Point out letters, numbers and shapes in the environment.

Build up their language through pretend play.

Show them how to use scissors– snipping paper is a good start.

Encourage them to get dressed on their own. Show them how to put tights and socks on.

Show them how to turn their coat sleeves the right way around. Show them how to zip their coat up on their own.

Go on walks. Let them run, climb and balance.

Encourage them to eat a varied diet.

Ensure they know the importance of brushing their teeth twice each day and after meals if possible.

Thank you for your support

**From Mrs Pollard and the F1 team**

