



'Marvellous Me'



Dear Parents and Careers,

We would like to welcome all the children back for Term 1. We hope you have had a relaxing summer and are excited to be back.

Our topic for this first term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be working closely with Miss Denney for our phonics and forest school learning.

During the term, we will be spending time exploring different stories that encourage us to think about feelings, differences and keeping healthy. Alongside this, we will be working on playing with others, recognising numbers and common signs in our environment. We will also be exploring, and encouraging the children to adopt, a 'Growth Mindset', which you will be hearing a lot more about throughout this school year. Take a look at our learning map on the display board outside to see some of the things we will be doing!

Please could you ensure your child always has spare, labelled clothes, a coat and hat, water bottle and welly boots in Nursery. You are welcome to leave a set of clothes with us.



Wow Slips



It is important that we can celebrate and share children's achievements at home. Could you please note any of these milestones on a 'WOW' slip and bring into Nursery. We will send the slips home regularly, but there will also be some spares hanging in the cloak room - help yourself.

Drop off and collection Routine

In the morning, the gate opens at 8.45am, however you're welcome to use the main school playground if you arrive at an earlier time.

When coming in, please support your child in hanging up their coat and choosing their names and lunch selection on the self-registration boards. Encourage your child to settle at an activity, leaving them to engage in learning as soon as possible. You can pass on any important messages to the staff member at the door so that others members of staff are able to engage and settle the children.

If you have older children at school, where possible please collect from Nursery first at the end of the day. This is to ensure calm and safe home-times. Please be aware that any regular late collections may be charged for.

Behaviour System



We use the same behaviour system as the school. This helps the children to have smooth transition times throughout the whole year.

How the behaviour chart works:

- Children will start each session on the sun.
- If children make good choices (such as, helping to tidy, showing good effort with activities or reaching personal care achievements), they will move to the rainbow.
- If children have displayed extraordinary effort or made significant learning leaps, they will move to the star. This achievement will be celebrated with a visit to Miss Denney or Mr Procter to talk about or show what they have been doing. Their name and the details of their successes will be entered in the star book!
- If children make choices that affect the learning or wellbeing of themselves or others, they will be moved to the cloud as a warning.
- If this behaviour continues, the child will be moved to the raincloud and they will have a 5 minute time out.

Home Learning Opportunities

There are lots of opportunities in everyday life to encourage children to notice and learn. Can you support your child to....

- look out for shapes in the home and local area?
- learn the number of your house?
- count the stairs as you walk up and down?
- dress and undress independently?

Useful websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - phase 1 & 2 - phonics games and activities.

www.topmarks.co.uk - Early Years maths and phonics games.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyfs/ - Games and activities for all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Thank you for your continued support.

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