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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer break and welcome you back to the Autumn term here in First Steps Nursery. This term our topic is 'All about me', during which we will be thinking about new beginnings and changing environments, ourselves and our families and how we grow and change. Some key books covered this term will include 'Owl Babies', 'Once there were giants', 'The colour monster', 'Monkey puzzle', 'Goldilocks and the three bears' and 'Peepo'. The children will be involved in discussions about their homes, family members and personal experiences and will join in drawing and representing these with various materials such as dough, paint and through role-play. We will be looking at our own facial features, talking about likes and dislikes, making friendships and playing co-operative games. In the initial weeks here at Nursery we will focus upon re-introducing the children to our daily routines and talking about how we expect to tidy up, treat our friends and look after our environment.

Please be reminded of the following issues regarding everyday routines and rules:

Library day will take place on **Tuesday for Red group**, **Wednesday for Green group** and **Thursday for Blue group**. On **Wednesday**, **Yellow** group will change their library books. Please make sure that your child comes in to Nursery with their book back on this day, ready to be changed.

Please ensure that your child has a bag of clothes on their peg including several sets of underwear and socks and a skirt or trousers in order that they can be changed by staff if necessary. We are very low in stock of girl's underwear and socks if you have any to donate at home for spares. If your child requires nappies or wipes please also send these into Nursery in a labelled bag.

Please make sure that all clothing, especially coats and jumpers or cardigans are clearly labelled with your child's name.



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Forest school will take place for **Red** and **Blue** group on Wednesday and for **Green** group on Thursday. For this session the children will need to bring wellies and an appropriate coat for the weather on this day.

We are a healthy school and therefore encourage healthy packed lunches. Please do not include chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or cans or chocolate sandwiches in your child's packed lunch. Grapes or small fruit like tomatoes should be cut in half length ways. Water bottles should be filled with water, not juice. A separate juice carton or drink may be included in their packed lunch bag.



To help us enrich the Nursery environment, donations of the following materials or items would be greatly appreciated:

An old suitcase (vintage style).

Old costume jewelry eg. Beads, bangles, chains.

Metal pans, cooking utensils, forks, spoons, trays, tea sets.

Cookie cutters.

Coloured ribbon.

Yours Sincerely,

The Nursery team.



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