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Dear parents and carers,

We have now welcomed all of our children here at First Steps Nursery and the term is well underway. This term our topic is 'All about me', during which we will explore new beginnings and changing environments, talk about ourselves and our families and how we have grown and changed. Some key books covered this term will include 'Goldilocks and the three bears', 'Owl Babies', 'Pumpkin soup', 'The colour monster', 'Monkey puzzle' and 'Room on the broom'. The children will discuss 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 look at our facial features, talk about likes and dislikes, make friendships and play co-operative games. In the initial weeks we have focused upon introducing the children to daily routines and reinforcing tidying up, how we treat our friends and looking after our environment.

We will also be looking at the changing seasons in Nursery as Autumn progresses. Please feel free to encourage your child to collect Autumn leaves, conkers etc. and bring them into Nursery to discuss and explore.



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

- * Please ensure that your child has a bag of clothes on their peg including several sets of underwear and socks and a skirt / trousers / legging in order that they can be changed by staff if necessary.
- * If your child requires nappies or wipes please also send these into Nursery in a labelled bag. All clothing, especially jumpers or cardigans must be clearly labelled with your child's name.



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* We are a healthy school and therefore encourage healthy packed lunches. Please do not include chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, cans or chocolate sandwiches in your child's packed lunch. Grapes or small fruit like tomatoes should be cut in half length ways.

* We have the following dates for activities organized in the next couple of weeks:

23:10:24: Stay and play coffee morning. 9:30-10:30

Coffee will be served in the main school hall at 9:30 and you will then have the opportunity to visit Nursery to play with your child in their environment between 10:00 and 10:30. If your child does not attend Nursery on this session you are welcome to bring them along.

4:11:2023: Spooky stay and play in Nursery. 9:30-10:30 / 1:30-2:30

Due to our ever-growing numbers we have included an afternoon session on this day. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

All children are welcome to wear spooky costumes.

Blue and Green groups are invited to the morning session.

Red and purple groups are invited to attend the afternoon session

Yellow group children will attend in the morning session.

If your child does not attend on this day you are welcome to bring them along. Please see a member of staff if you are not able to attend.

5:11:2024: School photographs. All Nursery children will have their photo taken in school.



Please speak to a member of staff if you have any further queries,
Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Walker and the Nursery team.



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