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Dear parents and carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Nursery, hopefully refreshed and ready to start a new term. This half term our topic is 'All about me', during which we 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 'Owl Babies', Goldilocks and the three bears', '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 will focus upon introducing the children to daily routines and reinforcing tidying up, how we treat our friends and look 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.



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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 underwear and socks and a skirt / trousers / legging in order that they can be changed by staff if necessary.
- \* Please ensure that everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled with their name including water bottles and jumpers / cardigans / coats.
- \* If your child requires nappies or wipes, please also send these into Nursery in their changing bag.
- \* We are a healthy and nut-free school. This year we have a serious nut and sesame allergy in Nursery and therefore ask that no nut products (including chocolate spread) or sesame bread etc. is included in packed lunches. Please do not include chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or cans in your child's packed lunch and grapes or small fruit like tomatoes should be cut in half length ways.



We have the following dates for activities organized in the coming weeks:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October: 9:10-10:10 a.m.

Spooky stay and play in Nursery.

All children are welcome to wear spooky costumes on this day. We will have lots of spooky activities for you to be involved with including spooky storytelling, crafts and pumpkin exploration.

If your child does not attend this session, you are welcome to bring them along. Please see a member of staff if you cannot attend.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Maria Walker and the Nursery team.

