



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all settled into the routine of school now. This term is moving on rapidly, and even though some of you have only been with us a few weeks, we are well on the way towards half term already! So much has happened since we started back at the beginning of September! The children are settled and seeming very comfortable with our Nursery routine; they are working very hard and hopefully enjoying a positive start to school life. It has been lovely to see them all so happily engaged and busy. Thank you to everyone for all your support with helping the children to settle into Nursery - we are so proud of each and every one of them!

Independent Learners - One of our main focus areas this term is helping the children to become independent learners. We are encouraging them to be as independent as they possibly can by finding their own lunch bag and water bottle and putting their things back in the right place when they have finished. We are celebrating their achievements with them and every little independent skill that they learn counts as it helps them to have more autonomy and responsibility throughout the school day. They all love having this responsibility! There are a variety of ways that you can help them with this at home.

- Helping them to practice getting dressed and undressed by themselves.
- Practice tricky fastenings on clothes with them e.g. zips and poppers on trousers.
- Letting them use scissors to practice their cutting skills so that they can be more independent in the craft area.
- Encouraging them to tell an adult when they need help with their toileting.

It also really helps us if all belongings are named. Lots of children have the same drinks bottle etc. and it can cause confusion if they are unnamed. Many thanks for your support with this!

Tapestry - Please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties with access to our online learning platform called Tapestry. We use this as a means of communication for both class messages and specific information regarding your child. There is the option for you to upload an observation about something you have done at home - a visit from grandparents or a trip to the farm! We love to hear all about what you are doing at the weekends and it provides us with a valuable starting point for conversations with the children.

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Next half term our Big Idea is going to be all about Art! We will be looking at different styles of art, and having a go at learning some new skills and getting creative, we're really looking forward to it!

Once again thank you for all of your support so far this year, if you ever have any questions feel free to come and chat with us.

The Nursery Team

