



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to yourselves and your children from everyone at Three Lane Ends Nursery. We are looking forward to working with you, to ensure your child has a happy and successful Nursery year.

This term our topic is 'Marvellous Me and My World'. This topic is an ideal way to settle the children into nursery as it is familiar to everyone. We will explore different themes through a range of fiction and non-fiction books.



'Elmer the Elephant' - we will explore pattern and colour, the children will begin to think about how everyone is different and how we should celebrate those differences. The children will paint their own self-portraits. We will think about how we are all special and discuss our talents, the children will also have opportunities to make their own Elmer's in a variety of ways.

'Monkey Puzzle' - Through this story we will focus on the importance of families, the children will make their own family trees. We will learn about different jungle animals and explore their features and habitats.

'Owl babies' - We will explore feelings through the use of this story, discussing things which make us feel happy and sad and the reasons why. The children will draw their favourite woodland animal and take part in a variety of practical mathematical activities.



'Percy the Park Keeper' - These books will show the children the importance of friendships, and being kind and helpful towards others. During circle time the children will think about what it takes to be a good friend.

'The Leaf Man' - We will explore the season of Autumn. The children will take part in an Autumn walk around the school outdoor area, and create our own Autumn discovery table within the classroom. We will look at how much nature changes throughout the season, discussing the weather, colours etc.



As the half term progresses the children will learn the routines in Nursery, including the 'jobs' they do on a morning such as hanging up their coats on their own pegs, putting their name card in the snack area and filling their water bottle up. They will also become familiar with the daily timetable which includes register, phonics, choosing time, our snack area, tidy up time and carpet time. These routines should not be underestimated and are a key part of settling the children into Nursery. The children settle quicker and feel more comfortable when they know what is happening and routines are familiar to them. If you have any questions regarding this then please speak with a member of the Foundation team.

We are very excited about our new 'Foundation Stage' outdoor area, and developing it over the coming year. The children will have the opportunity to access the outdoor space, whatever the weather, during choosing time.

Playing outside cannot be restricted to warm, dry weather – late autumn, winter and early spring each present their own unique opportunities for learning. We will give the children the opportunities they need to explore, discover, to express themselves and to relive their experiences through their natural language of movement. As the



weather at this time of year can be unpredictable, please can you be prepared for this and ensure your child has sun cream a sunhat and/or a raincoat. Each child will also need a pair of wellington boots to be kept at nursery, clearly labelled with their name.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in nursery, which is clearly labeled with their name. This will be filled up with fresh water everyday and placed in the yellow tray (morning session) or green tray (afternoon session).

Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes in their bag each session and that any clothes are labeled with your child's name, in particular school uniform.

On the 17th and 18th October we will be running some stay and play sessions. This is where we invite parents/carers to stay for the first hour of the session and complete a variety of activities with their child. In the past these sessions have been very popular, and parents have found them to be a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with their child completing educational, fun activities. Please complete the attached slip if you are interested, we will then let you know whether we can grant your request.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Winstanley

Nursery Stay and Play

Child's name: _____

Please circle

My child attends: Morning Nursery/ Afternoon Nursery

Please tick one of the following options:

- An adult can attend the Tuesday 17th October session
- An adult can attend the Wednesday 18th October session
- An adult can attend either the Tuesday 17th or the Wednesday 18th October session.
- An adult is unable to attend either of these sessions

If you have ticked to attend one of these sessions please state the name of the adult attending:

Relation to child (e.g. mother, child minder):
