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Nursery – Pollock - Autumn Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to all the Nursery children and their families.

The children have made a great start in their settling in sessions this week. We are excited to have them altogether from Tuesday!

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on learning our classroom routines, playing together and building our independence.

Clothing

Could you please make sure that all of your child's clothes (and footwear) are named with a waterproof marker or name tape as it really helps to develop their independence. Also, we can get the items back to their rightful owner if they are lost. Please do make sure that your child brings in a coat and wellies every day as we go outside in all weathers. We advise that the wellies are kept in school.

PE

We will cover the physical aspects of the curriculum through our outdoor play and forest school activities. We have a fantastic outside classroom, as well as The Wild Woods. As the year goes on and the children get closer to Reception age, we may consider having PE sessions in the school hall.

Snacks

Please can the children bring in a named water bottle every day, containing water only. All Nursery children receive free milk and fruit daily and are supported to access the 'Talking Café' alongside their peers.

Wish List

To further develop our outdoor classroom, we are looking for the following items:

Crates: (milk, bread, shopping crates) • Planks of wood • Cable reels • Pipes, guttering and tubes • Tyres and steering wheels





We would also love additional kitchen items for our mud kitchen. These include: metal jugs, bowls, dishes, pans, baking trays, teapots, cups, utensils and scales.

If you are able to supply any of the above items it would be really appreciated.

Book Bags

Children need to have these in school every day. Please check your child's book bag regularly for any letters, pieces of work and information on their learning. A separate bag with a change of clothes should be left at school on your child's peg.

You can help your child at home by:

- Encouraging them to recognise their own name written down.
- Encouraging mark making and talking to the children about their work. Model writing in front of your child e.g. cards and shopping lists. Mark making may begin with writing lines and circles. This will then develop into forming letter shapes.
- Reading stories every day and talking about the words and illustrations. Identify the rhyming words. Point out the title, front cover, back cover, author, illustrator and blurb.
- Pointing out familiar names or words e.g. advertising logos
- Encouraging them to recognise letters in the alphabet and say the sounds (rather than the letter names).
- Counting objects accurately, pointing to each object as they count.
- Recognising and naming basic 2D shapes
- Singing number songs and rhymes:
- Encouraging your child to put their own coat and shoes on. Model how to do up zips, fasten buttons and velcro.

Collecting Your Child

Young children can feel worried if they are left when all their friends go home so please be prompt when collecting your child from Nursery. If you are unable to collect them yourself, please make sure that you have informed the school office or spoken to a member of the Nursery team, providing details on who will be collecting.

Finally, if you have any concerns or wish to ask us any questions about your child's time at Nursery please do not hesitate to speak to us.

We look forward to working with you and your child in their learning journey ahead.

Kind Regards

Mrs Nichols and Miss Padmore
Nursery Team

Key Dates for your diary:

European Day of Languages – Monday 26th September
Tempest Photography (Individual Photos) – Wednesday 28th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 30th September
Parents Evening – Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October
Half-Term – Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October
Cool to be Kind Week – Monday 14th to Friday 18th November
Children in Need – Friday 18th November
Open Learning Morning – Friday 18th November
EYFS Christmas Assembly – Thursday 15th December