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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Nursery Team warmly welcome you and your child to school this September.

Our class topic this term is 'Food, Colour and Healthy Eating'.

We have included a few important weekly events and some suggestions to enable your child's transition to be as happy and comfortable as possible.

Please could you help your child in the following ways: -

- **Communication and Language:** try to set aside at least 5 minutes each day to talk to your child about their day or something they may have spotted on the way to school. Talk to them about anything they are interested in; toys, books, tv characters. Playing eye spy is a fun game too. Join in with your child's pretend play, letting them lead the play. This will encourage them to be creative and support their language development. Respond to what they are saying and doing rather than asking lots of questions. In doing this you are showing them you are listening and interested, which will increase their language skills and confidence when speaking to adults.
- **Reading and Writing:** encourage your child to share books, recite nursery rhymes and talk about the story content and the illustrations. If you could encourage your child to recognise their own name and mark- make through play, e.g.: making shopping lists and writing birthday cards, this will help to support their learning.
- **Number Skills:** counting and recognising numbers from 0-5 (also helping children find numbers in their environment- on doors, road signs, buses and in the home) support your child in developing their number skills. Singing number rhymes e.g., 5 Little Ducks helps them to reinforce this knowledge.
- **Shared experiences:** all these skills are important to your child's learning and development. You can support these areas of learning by involving your child in routines at home such as baking, cooking, pegging out the washing, tidying their toys or helping sort out household objects. Take your child on a woodland or seasonal walk to explore their environment and talk to you about what they see.
- **Reading Day:** Monday – It is important that the blue reading folder is returned every week so that your child can change their individual reading book.
- **Uniform:** Can be purchased in school and should be worn everyday with appropriate school shoes.
- **Useful websites:** [Ages and Stages \(ican.org.uk\)](http://ican.org.uk)
[Home - BBC Bitesize](http://www.bbc.com/1/learning-education/primary-1-6/bitesize)
[Games - Free online games for kids 0 - 6 - CBeebies - BBC](http://www.bbc.com/1/learning-education/primary-1-6/cbeebies)
[Home | Five Minute Mum](http://www.fiveminutemum.com)

We would like to share this opportunity to thank you for your support and hope that we can help to share in your child's learning journey and make it a happy and positive one in the Nursery Class.

Miss Williamson, Mrs Keyworth & Mrs Stewart

