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Dear Parents/Carers,

The nursery team would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year and welcome you back to school. If you are new to us this term, we warmly welcome you and your child to school and want to direct you to the website to look at any information and updates for things that are going on in class.

This term our topic in nursery is 'Stories and rhymes'. We will be looking at different stories that are under this fairy tale and traditional tale topic such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and more.

We encourage the children to have a love of books and spend time in our library in both our indoor and outdoor provision. We would like to remind you that it is important to send the blue book bags in with your child on a Monday so we can spend time with them talking about the story they have read at home and choosing a new book. In addition, could you please return the home/school diary by Friday, with a few words/photos of what you have been doing with your child over the weekend.

In phonics, we will continue to tune into sounds by playing lots of listening games, helping the children develop their listening skills.

In maths we will be looking at the numbers 0-5 in great depth to continue to give our children a greater understanding of number. We will also be looking at shape, size and ordering as well as positional language.

As a team, we understand how important your child's development is to you and we would encourage you do the following to support your child this term.

- Communication and Language - set aside at least 5 minutes each day to talk to your child about their day or maybe 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 – Your child will bring a book home every week. This is not a book for them to read independently, but one for you to share and enjoy together. Talk to your child about the different parts of the book, where the text starts etc. What was their favourite part of the book? Can you think about what might happen next? Who is your favourite character? etc
- Number Skills – This term we are looking at numbers from 0-5, you can help by getting your child to recognise numbers in their environment such as on doors, bins, buses, signs etc. How many ways can your child show you a particular number? For example – can your child show you the numeral 3 and three dots on a dice?

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and like to reiterate that if there is anything you would like to speak to us about, please do not hesitate to contact the nursery staff.

Miss Williamson, Mrs Keyworth and Mrs Stewart

Nursery Team

