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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that the children enjoyed their first few mornings at school. Even those children who were doing full days at preschool often find school very tiring. There are lots of new routines to learn which can be mentally exhausting for them.

This week the children are staying for lunch. Collection is at 12:45. There is a copy of the lunch menu on the school website. Please talk to your child about the options and help them to decide what they would like to try. We take a lunch register each morning and ask the children what they would like that day, once they are in class and sat on the carpet.

Literacy:

This week we will be focusing on name recognition and mark making. The children will be given a variety of materials including pencils, chalks, paint brushes and magnetic letters in order to practise forming and writing their name. The children are being encouraged to find their own belongings eg: bags and diaries, by looking for their name.

Phonics:

This week we will be introducing the children to 'Fred the frog'. Fred is a prompt used as part of the Read Write Inc (RWI) programme. Fred speaks in 'Fred Talk' saying the pure sounds in words eg: Fred says touch your l.i.p, Fred says h.o.p. We are holding a phonics meeting, at 3 o'clock, on Wednesday 30th September, to go over how we teach phonics. More details will follow.



Maths:

In Maths this week we will be singing number songs and rhymes and beginning to subitise small amounts. Subitising is recognising (just knowing, a quantity) without needing to count.

In other areas we will be:

- talking about rules and why we have them
- talking about themselves and what makes them special
- looking around the school

Next week:

We will be talking about ourselves, our families and who we live with. If possible, can you send in a photo or printed picture of your child as a baby and if possible one of their family. These can be sent in this week or early next week. We would like to keep these in school for the children to look at and discuss with their friends.

Reminders:

- Drink bottles should contain water, not juice.
- In line with the school uniform policy, earrings should be simple studs in silver or gold, not unicorns, stars or hearts etc.
- Please name all uniform. Last week we had a few cardigans and jumpers that were unnamed. The children didn't know which belonged to them. Also please change the name in any clothing handed down from someone else.
- Bookbags need to be clearly named. A keyring really helps the children to find their bags independently.
- If someone else is collecting your child please let us know by sending a message on class dojo, sending an email or letting us know at the door in the morning. Thank you.

Please feel free to discuss any of these items with us or see us if you have any queries or concerns.

Best Wishes from the Early Years Foundation Stage Team

Red Bears - Mrs O'Toole, Mrs Bond and Ms Whatley

Blue Bears - Mrs Vanstone and Mrs Greenslade

