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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to all our new children and their families. It has been wonderful being able to visit you all at home and invite you into the classroom.

Curriculum

In the Nursery class we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which is taught through adult led (where children work in small groups with a member of staff on a particular focus area), adult initiated (where children are directed to a particular area in the classroom and engage in an activity, sometimes independently, set up by an adult) and child-initiated activities. Each half term we will follow a theme. However, this can change depending on the children's interests. This half term our topic is 'Marvellous Me', so many of the children's activities will be based around this theme. A newsletter is sent to parents weekly, with ideas about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Daily Routine

This is an example of our daily routine. It is subject to change when we have events and themed weeks etc.

	Monday PE (Hall)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40-9.30am	Settling In / Child Initiated Activities				
9.30-9.45am	Register/ Phonics/ Fifteen Minute Mile				
9.45-10.00am	Adult Led Activities				
10.00-11.15am	Child Initiated Activities (Children can choose to work inside or outside) Snack Bar open 10.00- 10.30				
11.15-11.30am	Story Time				
11.30-11.35am	Group Time- Circle time/singing/rhymes/phonics/mindfulness				
11.40am	Home Time				
12-1 pm	Lunch / Outside Play				
1-1.15pm	Carpet session / Story				
1.15-3pm	Child Initiated Learning (Inside/Outside) Extension Activity from morning adult led activity.				
3.10	Home Time				

Expectations

Doors to the Nursery class will open at 8.40am. Please bring your child into the classroom to help them settle to an activity in the first two weeks. If you feel that your child is ready to come in by themselves, please encourage them to do so. We hope to have all the children entering without an adult as soon as all the children are settled.

If you are collecting at lunchtime, please use the main entrance (the Taylor Wimpey gate will not be open at 11.45am). The children will be released from the office. At the end of the day please use the gate that they come through in the morning and wait in the nursery playground for your child.

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform and that everything is clearly labelled- even shoes! Children's shoes should be black and closed toed.

For safety reasons we have a no jewellery policy. If children have their ears pierced only small plain studs are allowed. Long hair must be tied back, and any nail varnish should be removed before coming to school.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, we go outside in all weathers so please can you ensure that your child has a coat and other outdoor clothing as appropriate e.g. gloves, hats and scarves. They may also bring wellies into school if they wish for wet weather. These can be kept in school and stored on our 'welly rack'. We do have waterproof all in ones. If you have one to bring in for your child to wear for wet play please do so.

How You Can Support At Home

Every week an overview of what is being taught in the nursery will be sent home. We will also include some ideas that you can use to support your child's learning at home. Please check your child's book bags daily.

PE

On PE days we will be encouraging the children to get dressed independently so please support them by asking them to do this at home. This half term our PE day will be on a Monday morning. We will be finding a space in the hall and learning how to stop and start on a given instruction. We will not start our PE sessions until all the children are settled and happy.

Morris and Millie

Morris and Millie are our class bears. Two children are selected to take one bear home for the week. Each bear has a diary which you and your child can complete to let us know what you have been up to. Please make sure that the bears and diaries are returned on Monday so that your child can share what they have done with the rest of the class.

Visits / Visitors

We will keep you informed of any visitors that we have coming in or trips that we have planned.

Dairy Dates

Coffee morning is Thursday 7th October.

Decoration morning is Friday 5th December.

Further information regarding these sessions will follow.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Willison
Nursery Teacher

Miss Dunn
Nursery Teacher

Mrs Hollingsworth
Nursery Nurse

