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## **24th November 2024**

Dear Parents,

It is incredible to think that 8 weeks ago, your children were starting on their Nursery journey and now we are at the end of our first half term. The children have settled so well and it is incredible to see how confident they are becoming and how ready for learning they all are.

We attach an overview of our learning for next half term which is planned around themes and your child's own interests. This runs alongside our 'Window into Nursery' newsletter, which comes out each month. This offers you a glimpse into the activities and learning in action!

Next term our focus will be Celebration. We start in the first week back thinking about lights – through exploration of Bonfire night and Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. We invite children in both Hedgehog and Squirrel class who celebrate Diwali to wear their traditional celebratory clothing to nursery, should they wish. If a parent or family member would like to share their experiences of Diwali with the children, please make contact with a member of staff.

We are excited to be starting our Early Talk Boost Project. If your child is part of the first language group, you will have received a letter today inviting you to a short meeting on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm. Emily Roberts and Laura Riches will talk to you about how you can support Early Talk Boost at home.

It is lovely to see what the children have been doing at home and how they are developing in aspects of learning which we are not able to see at school. We encourage you to share your news and activities with us via the Tapestry platform. If you are unsure as to how to upload an observation, drop us a line and we will help.

Please could you ensure that your child's clothing is clearly named. We are experiencing quite a few muddles because clothing is not named and one green jumper looks very similar to another! We should really appreciate your help with this.

And finally, winter is coming up and the children will be needing to change their footwear and coats many times a day. Over half term, please could you teach your child to put on their own shoes and coat independently. We are working towards being able to do up the zip too, so once putting on the coat has been mastered, work together on this little

challenge.

We hope that you all have a restful holiday and we will see you on November 4<sup>th</sup> to start a busy new term. We look forward to sharing it with you.

With Best Wishes

Nicola Ingham and The Nursery Team