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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our Nursery Newsletter for Autumn 2. Our topic this half term will be environmental and animal sounds. We are going to be reading these stories together over the next few weeks:









We will read ‘Peace at Last’ and will use our listening and attentions kills to learn about the different sounds we can hear in our environment. We will be using our voices to make lots of different sounds.

Another story we will read this half term will be ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’ this has some wonderful, repeated refrains to help children expand their vocabulary and join in with the story. We will look at what different terrains look like, such as rivers, forests and snow-covered ground, exploring our geography skills.

Our next story will be the Gruffalo this story is fabulous for thinking about the sounds we might hear if we visit a woodland or our local parks. It also teaches us to think about feeling peaceful in the space we are in and sit and take a moment.

The Last story is ‘The Gingerbread man’ we will be baking gingerbread men in school and talking about sharing these with our friends and family, thinking about our SCARF topic ‘looking after others’.

This half term we will be holding a festive craft day. We ask for your support in joining us and your children for this fabulous day of ‘fun, glitter and joy’.

To support our learning, you could do these activities with your family:

- Sing lots of songs and rhymes together. Singing and dancing as a family is lots of fun.
- Do some cooking together and share this with others, talking about how kind it is to share.
- Take your children to explore different environments, parks, woodlands, lakes.

We will begin to teach phonics through activities to support your children's listening and attention and language skills. Each week we will focus on a new letter sound. Ask the nursery staff and we will be happy to share which sound we are learning each week.

As mathematicians, we will be focussing on subitising, counting and patterns. Subitising is learning to see 'how many' things there are without counting them.

- At home, you could look at how many spoons are on the table and subitise how many there are.
- On your walk to school or to visit family, count how many cars you can see.

Nursery will be having 'stay and play' sessions every Thursday when you drop your child off at school. We would like to invite you to join your child for half an hour at the beginning of their nursery session. This provides the opportunity for your child to share with you their favourite things to do while they are in nursery.

We will continue to play outside in all weathers, so please make sure your child has a **waterproof coat every day**. We would like to ask that you **bring a bag with spare clothes** as children can get wet from playing in the water, washing their hands or having a toilet accident.

Being messy is an important part of the nursery journey, and your children will be encouraged to join in with messy activities. We ask that you embrace this messy fun with them and encourage them to 'get messy' each day.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Nursery Team