

## Foundation One - Nursery

### Autumn I Newsletter

*Welcome*

Hello to you all and welcome to Foundation I. We are so pleased that you chose Abbey Gates for your child's Nursery experience and cannot wait to get to know them, explore together and create wonderful memories. We know that starting a new setting can be difficult for some children (and a little bit scary for parents too!) but please be assured that we will do everything we can to make your child's transition as smooth as possible, supporting you and your child every step of the way. We have had a FABULOUS first week and are so proud of the children for how well they have settled. They have all been very busy exploring the environment, meeting new friends and getting to know some of our routines. Just a reminder that full days begin next week (13<sup>th</sup> September) for children that will be staying for afternoon sessions.

First of all, we would like to make you aware of some of the changes that we have made to our learning environment. Children in F1 will be "based" in the smaller room and children in F2 will be "based" in the larger room for registration and carpet sessions. During busy time, all children will be encouraged to explore all areas inside and outside freely. By streamlining different areas we have significantly improved our provision - ensuring resources are more open ended, natural and "real", where possible. We have also opted for a more neutral colour palette to provide a calming learning environment. We can't wait for you to see it!

#### **This half term:**

The first few weeks of the Autumn term will be an opportunity for us to really get to know your child - what they enjoy, are interested in, already know and their next steps. Our learning foci and choice of key texts has a strong emphasis on identity, family and friends. Our key question is "I wonder...what is special?" and an overview of what this includes can be found separately on our "Project Placemat".



#### **Key information:**

PE is every Friday. Please send your child to school in weather appropriate clothing and footwear - shorts and t-shirts for warmer weather and leggings/sport trousers and a black jumper / hooded cardigan for cooler weather. We begin with gymnastics - working on our fundamental movements and balance.

We also be visiting the local library every fortnight on Fridays. Our first visit will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am. If any parents or grandparents are available to walk with us to the library, please let us know. We would really appreciate your help.

On Tuesdays we go trekking. Children will need to wear school uniform and bring coats, hats, wellies etc as appropriate - we explore in all types of weather!

Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled - this includes water bottles, bags, coats and jumpers/cardigans.

Children need a water bottle every day and a healthy snack for afternoon sessions. Fruit is provided for every child each morning and milk can be ordered via the cool milk website. If your child attends morning sessions only, a snack will not be required.

Your tapestry account should now be up and running. We will add your child's WOW moments as photographs and observations. Reminders and updates may also be sent via tapestry, so please do check in regularly. If you need any support with your account, please let me know.



A parent information evening will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September - please come along to find out more about what we do, view our learning environment and ask any questions that you may have. If you require any further information or have any questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

And finally...thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's learning journey. We are thrilled to welcome them all to the Abbey Gates family.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bowell

