



Hello lovely families! Welcome to the start of the new term! Your children have already settled in so well and are having lots of fun exploring their new spaces. Here is an update on all the things we will be learning this term....

**Important Dates:**



9<sup>th</sup> October @ 9am: Parent Meeting in the hall.

**Our PE Days:**

All children will have their PE on Friday afternoons.



**Our book changing days:**

Return book on Friday  
New book sent out on Friday.



**Homework:**

Please take the time to talk to your child about their day. Read them a story at bedtime.



**Literacy:**

Every half term we will have two focus stories. Our stories this term are; The Enormous Turnip and The Runaway Chapatti. We will explore key vocabulary from these texts and begin to learn how to learn stories by heart and retell them. We will work towards producing pictures with labels to show meaning.



**Communication and Language:**

This term we are learning how to become active listeners, with looking eyes and listening ears. This will help children be ready to learn new things. We will be teaching children how to answer who and what questions and how to feel confident to speak with a familiar adult or ask for help.



**Maths:**



In maths this term we will be learning about subitising. We want children to look at an amount of objects and know how many there are without counting. We will also learn about the composition of numbers to 5 and make comparisons using the words 'more than, less than and equal'. We will explore measure and size language, as well as modelling use of prepositional language (on top/behind).

**Phonics:**



This term we will be learning how to participate in a Sounds Write lesson. We will work on children's listening skills and their ability to blend. The first words we will teach will have the code s,a,i,p,m,t. Watch out for the Sounds Write information session where you can come and learn how to teach or support your children to read.

**PSHE:**

This term is all about us getting to know your child and them to feel safe and secure with us in our care! We will start to teach them about our learning COGS; the first being Independent Iguana. We will be encouraging children to make friends and use kind words with each other.



**People, Culture and Communities:**

A big focus of this half term is to talk about themselves, their family and their community. We will look at where we live and our local area. We will move this further in Autumn 2 by talking about celebrations and what celebration is important to them.



**Expressive Arts and Design**

This term we will explore joining materials and use these skills to complete our Big Create. We will be teaching the children how to show their ideas through drawings with details. In Autumn 2, the children will perform in the show 'Star Hunt'. You don't want to miss it!



**Physical Development:**

A big focus of this term is preparing children to write. We will look at core body strength by encouraging children to use our movement play area. We will be introducing dough disco which really helps with fine motor control. The children will really enjoy this!



**Understanding the World:**

This term we will be learning about all things Autumn! We will be talking about the changes that we see, particularly within forests. We will explore woodland animals and talk about their characteristics. Please do take your child to the park and collect autumn objects for our topic tables. We will also be taking a trip there to make collections!



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