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Happy New Year!

I am sure you will be pleased to know that Mrs Grant is recovering well from her operation and is due to return to Nursery in a few weeks. Until then Mrs Manning will continue to cover.

Topic

The topic for this half term will be 'The Wonderful World of books'. Many of the activities in Nursery will be book related, including retelling stories and acting them out. We will be talking about the characters, settings and events in stories and finding out information from non-fiction books. We will also be working on developing an understanding of rhyme and alliteration.

Observations

We will be continuing to focus observations on a small group of children each week. If it is your child's week for being observed you will receive a sheet for you to tell us about the important things in your child's life and their current favourite activities. We would be grateful if this could be returned as soon as possible as we use this information to set up activities related to your child's interests. At the end of their observation week you will receive an updated copy of your child's learning journey via email. Please ensure we have your current email address so you receive it.

Diaries

Thank you for continuing to return your child's diary. Sharing your child's news is an important link between home and nursery and the children enjoy telling the rest of the group about the things they have been doing. Diaries are shared on a Thursday, although if your child does not attend Nursery on this day, they are shared on the next day they attend. If you have lost your current diary, please let us know and we will be happy to provide you with another one.

Proud wall

We want our children to feel proud of their achievements and have good self-esteem. Please bring to Nursery any special photos, certificates, drawings/paintings your child has from their home environment, or just a note explaining what your child has done to make you proud. These will be displayed on the 'proud wall'.

Star of the day and week

Each day we choose a child who has stood out for a particular reason; for example, being kind, helping someone, persisting at a task, being successful at an activity. Children are always very proud to be chosen and receive their certificate.

Every Friday we chose a star of the week, which is someone who has tried hard all week, particularly a child who has achieved something new, or shown a new attribute that they haven't displayed previously at Nursery. For example, considering others' feelings, or sharing equipment. If your child is chosen they will have their photo taken and this will be displayed on the star of the week display. They also receive a certificate which explains why they have been selected.

Behaviour

In Nursery children are learning about how to behave as part of a group, how to play cooperatively with others, take turns and share. We encourage the children to behave appropriately by positive reinforcement; for example, by giving praise and rewarding children with stickers. We encourage children to "make a good choice", to "use your words", when they want something another child is playing with, and to "have kind hands". We work towards the school values which are having good *relationships*, to show *respect*, to be *resilient*, to be *reflective*, to be *resourceful*, to be *responsible*.

Outdoor play

Learning outdoors is an important aspect of the Early Years curriculum and we do go out in all weathers. Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school everyday over the winter months. Please encourage your child to put on and fasten their coat independently.

Snack

Children receive free fruit and milk each day, and water is also available throughout the session. We regularly do baking activities so please notify us if your child has any dietary changes or has recently been diagnosed with a food allergy or intolerance.

Nursery Gate

The Nursery gate, situated on Binfield Road, needs to be closed at all times after you enter or leave for our children's safety. The gate is locked from 8.50am to 11.25am, and from 12.45pm to 3.25pm. If for any reason you arrive when the gate is locked please use the entrance on Derbyshire Lane and report to the Office

More information

More information can be found on the school website,

<http://www.meersbrookbank.sheffield.sch.uk/>

Follow us on twitter our username is @Meersbrookf1.

Do not hesitate to ask staff if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards, Mrs Manning and Miss Gunn