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## YN Curriculum Information Sheet – Autumn 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting new year at school! We hope you had an enjoyable summer.

Our topic within the Foundation Stage Unit this half term is 'All About Me'. Here is a broad outline of what your child will be doing in each area of learning:

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This area of learning covers important aspects of development that affect the way children learn, behave and relate to others. As the children settle into their new class and make new friends we will be focussing on how to play successfully, respect our classroom and follow our class rules.

### **Communication and Language**

This term we will be getting to know each other and sharing lots of information about ourselves with our class, for example: sharing family photos, and baby photos; and what we can do now that we couldn't do when we were a baby. We will listen and respond to lots of stories, songs and rhymes and also learn new games and practise following instructions.

### **Physical Development**

The children will be given lots of opportunities this term to use and improve their fine motor skills ready to begin writing. We will practise using tools in the classroom properly, such as holding scissors and a pencil correctly. We will also be talking about looking after ourselves and healthy eating. We will be having weekly sessions using the 'write dance' programme.

### **Literacy**

The children will develop their mark making skills, through self portrait drawings, family painting and labelling parts of the body. Through a range of stories children will develop their listening skills and become more confident talking about books. We encourage the children to recognise their own and others' names, eg on their pegs and name cards.

### **Mathematics**

This term we will be practising our counting skills and playing lots of games and singing lots of rhymes that include counting. We will also work on number recognition.



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### **Understanding the World**

This area of learning helps your child become more acquainted with the world around them through exploration and investigation. During this topic we will mainly be looking at our home environments - many of these will be replicated in the areas of provision. The children will also spend time comparing their similarities and differences with their friends. Finally the children will be introduced to a range of ICT including technology in the home.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

The children will be encouraged daily to use their imagination in many activities and areas of learning. They will have the opportunity to create self-portraits, family portraits, junk-model homes (donations of boxes and tubs etc. are always welcome), handprints and more.

### **Religious Education**

This half term we will be learning about God's Wonderful World. Within this children will learn about the things God has created for us and how best to look after them. The children will also learn that God made every one of us and we are all special.

We would like to wish you and your child a warm welcome to nursery class, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### **Important Diary Dates**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Parents may come and contribute to profiles 8.40-9 and 2.40-3

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Parent consultations during session time

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Parents may come and contribute to profiles 8.40-9 and 2.40-3

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – PJ party to celebrate our first half term

**Please remember your donation of £2.50 this term for our Smiley Face box. This enables us to buy craft and baking equipment which is a fun way for your child to learn across the curriculum! Thank you for your support and generosity.**

Mrs Appleyard and the Nursery Team