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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new year in our Nursery class, we hope you all had a good holiday and the children are rested and ready for the term ahead. Please would you join us in welcoming Scarlett and her family into Oak Class and the Templewood family.

Thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the generous gifts that you gave us at the end of last term, it was very kind of you all.

Staffing

The information in this letter is intended to advise you of the expectations in Nursery and encourage a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. The Nursery Team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

Class teacher – Mrs Natalie Spragg
Early Years Practitioner – Mrs Jan Clark

Key Workers

Mrs Spragg's Spiders and Mrs Clark's Caterpillars. Children will work with their Key Worker during Circle time, Phonics and Maths. During the rest of the sessions Mrs Clark and I will work with all the children so that we gain an excellent knowledge of each individual child. The groups are as followed:

Spiders



Emil, Alexander, Jack Bi, Jack P, Scarlett, Rudi, Lydia, Briar, Poppy, Caitlin, Eliza

Caterpillars



Idhaant, Thomas, Michael, Jack Bu, Theo, Joshua, Charlotte, Isla, Molly, Belle, Lucia

Topics

In the EYFS we follow a creative curriculum. As well as following the children's interests we will also focus on celebrations, festivals and seasons. Below are our umbrella topics for the Spring term.

Spring 1- Frozen (Winter)

Spring 2- Spring Festivals



Spectacular Start

To start off our topic, today Reception have planned how to make a cinema experience for themselves and Nursery. They are planning to make and “sell” popcorn, tickets and *Frozen* themed toys as per the children’s suggestions.

We will be watching the film *Frozen* on Friday, which is rated PG. If you would not like your child to watch the film, please email the office (admin@templewood.herts.sch.uk) or see me directly.

If you would not like your child to make or eat the popcorn, please also email the office or me directly.

Home Learning

Please take home the Magic Moment Sheets located in the Nursery cloakroom. If your child does something special at home, for example got a swimming badge or went on a trip, we would love for you to share it with us. When you have filled the form in please bring them back to nursery we will talk about them with your child and then add them to your child’s Learning Journal.

Mark Making

Children are often keen to learn to write their name and if they are interested this should be encouraged. Please remember to teach them to write their name in lower case except for the initial letter. If you would like to see our school handwriting style please access www.letterjoin.co.uk (Login: templewood and Password: al87sd).

Clothing

The weather can be very changeable especially in the winter months so please can you make sure that on your child’s peg and in their shoe box that they have the following:

- a complete spare set of clothing
- a spare raincoat, and waterproof trousers
- a pair of wellies
- a black pair of plimsolls (indoor shoes)

So that items don’t go missing please can you make sure that all belongings are clearly labelled. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PE

PE will be on Friday and the children will take part in their jogging bottoms and polo t-shirts. It would be really helpful if you could please make sure that all items of clothing were **named**.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell is an important part of Communication and Language Development. It builds confidence in speaking in a small group and supports vocabulary development. This year we will be continuing to link it to our Phonics and each week we will have a sound of the week. We would love for your child to bring in an object or picture that starts with the sound to share with the class. Our Show and Tell will be every Tuesday. Below is a timetable of the sounds we will be looking at this half term.

Spring 1

Tuesday 15 th January	e
Tuesday 22 nd	u
Tuesday 29 th	r
Tuesday 5 th	h
Tuesday 12 th	b

Spring 2

Tuesday 26 th	f
Tuesday 5 th March	l
Tuesday 12 th	j
Tuesday 19 th	v
Tuesday 26 th	w

Open Door Policy

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we will try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any questions please come and talk to us and we will arrange an appropriate time to talk. However small the concern, it is always best dealt with immediately.

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated in the class and some families like to bring in a treat for the children in the class. As a healthy school, we ask that the treat be something like a special pencil, a box of raisins, or you can donate a 'birthday' book to Templewood (the office will issue a birthday book sticker to show whose birthday the book was purchased for. As a school we do not give out sweets or home-baking due to the number of different allergies.

Volunteers

We would be extremely grateful for some parental help during the week. If you can spare one morning and are able to commit on a regular basis please come and speak to us. Please remember you are required to have a school DBS check and have completed Safeguarding training.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment.

We look forward to continuing our working partnership with you and your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Natalie Spragg
Class Teacher