

## ST WINIFRED'S NURSERY NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1 2020

A big welcome to all the children joining us this year!

This is a very exciting time for our new starters. This half term we will be focussing on settling them into their new environment.

### ROUTINES

When the children first come in each morning, we will help them to find their coat peg, hang up their coats and wash their hands before finding their named photo card for self-registration. After this they will begin self-selecting from a wide variety of stimulating resources, activities, and experiences.

Once we feel the children are ready we will begin the following adult led enhancement activities...

- **Daily 'Move it' sessions.** These are physical sessions where we will explore a range of whole-body movements in response to the language of movement e.g. circles, big, small, this way etc. This is excellent preparation for handwriting.
- **Welly Wednesday.** Small group sessions will be led outdoors exploring nature and growing and taking part in forest school type activities.
- **Music session.** Every Friday morning, we will have a music session in the small hall with a specialist music teacher.
- **Choosey Books.** Picture books will be chosen by your child and sent home in their book bags twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays.

### WE ARE FAMILY

We will be exploring family, what it is, who is in our family as well as the things we celebrate. Any photographs of the children's family will be greatly appreciated to help the children talk about who is in their family, who they live with and, it can be added to our family tree display to bring comfort to the children.

Please email or send in a hard copy of a photo of your family.

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## SEASONAL CHANGES

With the dark mornings and nights approaching, we will be exploring how the season is changing using our senses. We will talk about how our surroundings are changing as well as what we can do to accommodate those changes.

## CELEBRATIONS

We have many lovely celebrations to celebrate this half term and next including, harvest, Diwali, and bonfire night. If any of these celebrations have any special meaning to your family, please let us know and we can plan this into our activities.

## CHILDREN'S INTERESTS

In the Early Years, we plan activities, ideas, and key texts, but we follow the children's interests, which are not always the same as ours! Our flexible approach allows the children to choose the path to their own learning, ideas and follow what they are interested in, within each topic.

### Nursery Staff

Class Teacher:	Mrs Jane Budden
Nursery Nurse (Mon-Thurs)	Mrs Gill Andrews
Teaching Assistant:	Mrs Carina Philpot
PPA Cover (Tue pm):	Mrs Jaqi Underwood
Nursery Nurse (Fridays):	Mrs Joanne Hitchin

### Important Dates Autumn Term

Half Term Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

INSET day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Autumn 2 Term Starts Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Autumn 2 Term Ends Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December