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I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Half Term break! The children have returned to Nursery happy, settled, and eager to play.


This term, our theme is "Caring." To start, we have been exploring one of my favourite books, *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell. This gentle and heartwarming story has been the perfect way to ease back into our routine after the holiday. It has been lovely to hear the children express empathy as they discuss how the baby owls feel when they realize their mummy is gone. If you'd like to share this story at home, different readings are available on YouTube.

We have brought the story to life in our small world area, where a selection of forest creatures has been sparking the children's creativity. They have been learning about animal homes, where different animals sleep, and what they eat. They have also enjoyed drawing nests and blankets and have been practicing their independence by using sticky tape to create snug little beds.

In small group discussions, we have started talking about visiting the doctor, and the children have loved sharing their experiences. Next week, we will introduce real working stethoscopes and a doctor's kit—our poor dolls are in for lots of check-ups!

Reminders:

 **Parent Meetings:** If you were unable to attend, I am happy to arrange a time that suits you. Please see me before or after school to schedule a quick chat and review your child's Journal.

 **Online Learning Journal:** Don't forget to check your child's online learning journal to see what they've been up to each week! If you're having trouble accessing it, I have copies of the required codes—just let me know.

Wishing you all a **restful and enjoyable weekend!**

Best regards,
Mrs McShane



P.E. Tuesday and Thursday.

The morning children will participate in P.E. on a Tuesday. The afternoon children will participate in P.E. on a Thursday. The All-Day children will join in both Tuesday and Thursday's P.E. session.

On their P.E. day, children should come to school in comfortable clothes that allow for movement, such as jogging bottoms and a loose T-shirt or sweatshirt. There is no need to buy a specific P.E. kit, as we don't change outfits during the day.

If children can't wear trainers due to the weather, we will change their footwear as needed. While all children will still participate in P.E., activities may be limited for safety reasons if appropriate clothing isn't worn.

Thank you for your support!

Session Times

The Nursery gates will open at **8:20 AM**, and sessions will start promptly at **8:30 AM**. The gates will close at **8:30 AM**

Morning Session will finish at **11:30 AM**.

Afternoon session will begin at **12.15 PM**

Afternoon and All-Day children will be dismissed at **3:15 PM**.

Names

Please can you help us by putting your child's name into all their belongings. It can be quite distressing for the children if we are unable to find their coat and bag.

Wet Clothes

Unfortunately, in Nursery the children often get wet or dirty.

This is all part of their learning experience and nothing to worry about. Thank you for providing spare sets of clothing for us to change your child into. All children need at least one change of clothes in Nursery. It would also help us greatly if you could include a plastic bag for us to put their wet or dirty clothes into.

Nappies

If your child is in nappies, please can you provide at least **two** spare nappies daily, along with baby wipes and nappy sacks.

Any matters relating to the educational and personal welfare of your child, including medical and dietary needs must be raised with Mrs McShane. Please do not discuss these matters with other members of Nursery staff.

Thank you

Mrs Ruth McShane