Thursday 7th March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the changes that will be taking place to the home learning set in Nursery. This week we will be introducing a ‘School Readiness Checklist’ that can be completed over the course of a half term. This will involve the Nursery team setting a range of tasks, as mini milestones that we want the children to achieve in that time. This will be learning that is focused on in school and what can be reinforced at home to ensure the children are prepared to transition into Reception by the time they complete their Nursery education. Every half term, a new checklist will be created to ensure the children progress throughout the year.

The Early Years curriculum has 7 areas of learning and each of these areas are covered within our curriculum. However our main focus in Nursery is ensuring the children are secure in the 3 prime areas, these are:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional development**
  - Making relationships
  - Self-confidence and self-awareness
  - Managing feelings and behaviour

- **Communication and Language**
  - Listening and attention
  - Understanding
  - Speaking

- **Physical Development**
  - Moving and handling
  - Health and self-care

The prime areas are important because they lay the foundations for children's success in all other areas of learning.

We ask that you encourage and support your child at home to practice the skills from the checklist and use Tapestry to document their development to help provide evidence of their learning. We actively encourage strong family and school links as it is proven to have such positive outcomes for children's learning.

“Parents play a crucial role in supporting their children’s learning and levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with children’s academic outcomes.”

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School readiness is essential for development and determines a child’s future outcomes so promoting these skills as early as possible is the best way to ensure every child gets the support they need to succeed.

If you have any questions regarding this please don’t hesitate to speak to myself or a member of the Nursery team.

Kind Regards

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