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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Nursery Class Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome to Term 1 in Nursery! We are delighted to welcome you back or for you to start your journey with us. This term we will focus heavily on routines and expectations and building relationships. Before sharing our wonderful learning plan with you I want to inform you about an update for Early Years Education from the Department of Education about drinks:

Important/New: *Under the updated Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework and official [Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance](#), early years providers in England must ensure that fresh drinking water is accessible to children at all times, and milk or water are the only drinks offered or provided in settings.* Therefore, all water bottles must be named to avoid cross contamination and contain **ONLY** water as milk will be provided at snack times.

Learning This Term

This term our learning will be based around a range of engaging themes. We will be learning about our bodies by reading the story of Funny Bones and exploring the Non-Fiction text My Body. Following this theme we will focus on Harvest, understanding the meaning of Harvest, learning about where our food comes from and about Farms. As part of this topic, we will also take part in a school trip to Cotswold Farm Park (more details to follow). Towards the end of the term we will read the story of Winnie the witch.

Literacy/Rhyme Time

The children will experience mark making, learning to hold their pencil correctly and recognising their name. They will take part in many storytime sessions and will explore the stories as part of our topics. We will have Rhyme Time sessions throughout each week where the children will be learning about rhyming, alliteration, syllables and identifying sounds through a well-known nursery rhyme.

Maths

We follow the White Rose Maths scheme, focusing on early number skills. Topics this term include:

- More than, fewer than, same
- Explore and build shapes and objects
- Explore repeats
- Hear and say number names

Learning will be practical, hands-on and play-based to support children's understanding. We will also focus heavily on using and understanding accurate mathematical vocabulary.

P.E.

Premier Sports will continue to deliver P.E. lessons on Monday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing, as sessions will take place outdoors whenever possible. We will also have an additional P.E. lesson on a Tuesday morning in the hall where we will focus on balancing, travelling, jumping, rolling, climbing and obstacle skills.

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PSHE

Our PSHE theme this term is Being Me in my world. During this theme we will explore our families, our feelings, being kind and our rights and responsibilities.

Bags and Cloakroom Space

We kindly ask that children only bring 1 small bag to school each day, just big enough to hold their reading book, homework, and a named water bottle. Our cloakroom area is quite compact, so larger bags and backpacks can be tricky to store and keep safe.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and arriving on time help children settle quickly, feel secure and enjoy their learning. Being in Nursery every day gives children the best start and supports their routines. Just a reminder to please contact the School Office daily to confirm your child's absence with absence reason on 01793 870469 **OR** admin@westleaschool.org.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are excited for the term and look forward to sharing your child's progress with you. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Warm regards,

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