

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Welcome to you and your children. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and helping your child to have lots of fun, learning experiences.

This term we will be focussing in particular on developing personal, social and emotional skills through play. We will be learning how to share and take turns, how to help each other and tidy up; we will be practising how to put on (and off) our coats and wellingtons (and put them away); we will also be learning how to use pencils, pens (we only write on paper and always put the lid back on) and scissors safely. We will make sure we clean hands frequently: when we sneeze, before we eat and after we have used the toilet. We will practise saying "please" and "thank you"! You can practise all these things at home.

Our story this week is called "Cat on the Mat". It is a simple story but there is so much learning going on- we can count the animals, order them by size, think about positional prepositions (on, next to, behind, in front) as well as talk about how the cat was feeling, why it didn't want to share and what the other animals could have done! We can also think about rhyming words "cat and mat", "dog and ... log", "goat and...?"

We say a prayer at the start and end of every day. To help us learn how to make the sign of the Cross, we will use a special rhyme:

*From my head, to my heart;  
From my shoulder to my shoulder;  
God, my Father; I belong to You.*



Important dates for your diary:  
30<sup>th</sup> October- 3<sup>rd</sup> November Half-term holiday  
22<sup>nd</sup> December- end of term

Best wishes from all the Nursery Staff