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Whiteknights Primary School

Growing Greatness



Headteacher Mrs B Reynolds

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Whiteknights nursery. It is an exciting time for children to meet new friends and settle into a new routine, while exploring different areas of learning through play.

What does my child need to bring into nursery with them?

- Water bottle with freshwater daily
- Spare uniform, including underwear and socks- to be left on their peg in a **carrier bag or drawstring bag. All items of clothing and the bag to be named please**
- Appropriate clothing- coats on cold days and sunhats on hot days

Spare clothes: Please ensure your child has a spare set of uniform including knickers or pants in a carrier bag that stays on their peg every day. This is in case they get dirty/ wet or have a toileting accident. If you are aware that your child may have toileting difficulties, please ensure multiple pairs are packed. If they do not have any spare clothes and borrow uniform from school, it all needs to be washed and returned. **Please ensure all personal items and clothing are named clearly- including individual gloves, socks and water bottles.**

Snacks: Children do not need to bring in any additional food, unless they are staying for lunch and wish to have a packed lunch. Children are provided with fruit or vegetables as a snack in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Children who attend afterschool club are also provided with a sandwich and light snack.

Sharing toys: Some children can be very keen to bring in their own toys to share with their friends at nursery. Please ensure that children do not bring anything into school, as it would be upsetting if these got lost or damaged. Later in the year, children will have the opportunity to bring in something special to share- you will be notified when this is closer to the time.

To give you a clearer picture of what we are learning in the coming term, we have attached an outline of the topics that we will teach and the books we will be reading. In order to foster a love of reading, please read to your child every day at home. Reading with children helps them to develop their speaking and listening skills, as well as encouraging cognitive development and making links between ideas.

Over the Summer holidays Mr Rapson has embarked on building an Early Years nature area, which will have a giant sandpit, mud pit, construction toys, water play and a vegetable garden. In order for the children to enjoy this area in all weathers we are asking parents to provide their child with a pair of wellies and a puddle suit (all in one waterproof suit), that will be kept in school. This area,

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will not be completed until after October half term, so you have enough time to organise getting these items. Like any uniform, please ensure everything is named.

As a team, we enjoy conversations with parents about how your child is progressing and enjoying their time at nursery. However, it can be difficult to have these conversations at drop off times (in the morning and afternoon) as we often have many children to support transitioning into nursery. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please let the teacher know at the gate who will be able to advise a good time to talk.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled term ahead. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lewis

On behalf of the nursery team