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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome both the new, and returning children to Nursery this Lent Term. Everyone is settling in well, and they are enjoying the routines and activities on offer. This term the children will continue with their Physical Development (PE) lessons, using the scooters and bikes in the big playground, and the adventure playground.

As part of the Religious Education (RE) activities, the children have begun to attend a weekly assembly, and also visit the Emmaus Room for a weekly reflection with Mrs Darwin. The RE topics this term are The Local Church and Celebrating and they will learn about the church and how we take part in different celebrations. Each week the children will have a Spanish lesson, with Mrs Neal-Gonzalez and will be learning nursery rhymes and actions. We will also visit to the school library, and Mrs Cowell will read a story and explain to the children how they can select a picture book of their choice. Later this term the children will be able to visit The Studio in the main school building, to explore the different instruments, and take part in dance and movement activities.

As part of our English topic, we are reading poems from the book: Here's a Little Poem by Jane Yolen and Andrew Fusek Peters and Polly Dunbar. After half term we will read the story, No Dinner by Jessica Souhami. Each week, the children will take part in phonic activities with Mrs Beckett and Ms White, and will learn about different sounds, and graphemes (the letters that represent the sounds). We will play games that encourage the children to listen carefully to sounds, and to copy repeated patterns by tapping, clapping or making noises with their voice.

Over the course of the Lent Term in Maths, we will be learning about colours that are found in nature and the local environment, and we will find out about shades of colours, and how to mix colours during our Art activities. Later in the term we will be matching and sorting objects, and talking about how things are similar and different, depending on size, and shape. Our Theme topic for the Lent Term is Winter Wonderland. This project explores the season of Winter, day and night, the moon, bedtime routines, and nocturnal animals. The children will be learning about these areas through play, art, and adult led activities.

During PSED (personal, social and emotional development) learning, the theme of kindness will be explored. The children will be encouraged to continue to share the resources and toys, and be respectful of the class rules. We will talk about, and model how to help the new children feel welcomed, by sharing and caring. Each week, one child from Nursery will be chosen as a Star of the Week, and they will receive a certificate which will explain what they did that was extra special.

We are looking forward to an exciting Lent Term with lots of engaging learning for the children, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms R. White
Nursery Class Teacher

