Dear Parents/ Carers.

The children have settled well and are starting to understand and respond to the routines in Nursery. They have been playing nicely alongside each other and enjoy the resources available. Here is a brief outline of the topics we will be learning this term and a few reminders:

During **Storytime** we will be reading stories linked to our topics.

Stories will include: **The Blue Balloon**, **The Hedgehogs Balloon** and **Wait & See**.

During our story sessions we will be encouraging the children to join in with repeated words and phrases and learn how to answer ‘Who, What, Where’ questions.

Our topics this term are ‘**Balloons and Bubbles**’ and **Autumn**! We have looked at different types and shaped balloons and have experimented at blowing our own bubbles. Soon we will be looking at the effects of Autumn and the changes that take place.

In **Maths** children will be learning to:
- Use the language of **quantities** and make comparisons between amounts.
- Use the language of **size** and make comparisons.
- Through Nursery Rhymes we are learning to count and recognise ‘how many’.

Our maths activities will be carried out using resources linked to our topics such as balloons and autumn finds.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we are encouraging children to make friends, play with kind hands and share.

We are learning the routines of Nursery and understanding and showing the correct behaviour.

We will also be encouraged to talk to others and ask for help.

In **Physical Development** we are learning to be more independent in self-care. We encourage the children to put on aprons and pull their own sleeves up, get their own coat and try putting them on.

We are also encouraging children to use the toilet independently and wash their hands afterwards. If your child is still in nappies/pull ups and feel they are ready to toilet train, please speak to a member of the nursery team.

To strengthen our muscles will have lots of opportunities to move freely outside in the garden, tackling the assault course and playing games.
A few reminders...

❖ Doors open at 8:50am. Please ensure your child is in school for 8.50am as we need to do the register and lock the gate to keep the children safe.

❖ To keep your child comfortable and happy in Nursery please can you bring in a change of clothes for them (including spare pants/pull ups and socks), this can be kept in a bag on their peg in Nursery. Sometimes when playing, they can get wet or messy, so we like to change them if necessary.

❖ If somebody else, other than yourself, is picking your child up at the end of the session, you must let us know. You can let us know in the morning when dropping your child off or by calling the school office on 024 7622 6810. We will only let your child go with somebody else if it has been agreed beforehand.

❖ Exciting news! In the next week we will be sending the children home with a library book. Please enjoy reading with your child and help them to talk about their story.

We look forward to working together with you, so that your child can achieve their personal best this year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Gerrard, Mrs McCabe
Mrs Jordan, Mrs Sheikh & Miss Hussain

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