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Dear Parents and carers.

We would like to welcome back our existing Nursery children and parents, and extend a warm welcome to the new children and their families who have started at our Nursery this term - we are delighted that you have come to join us! It was so lovely to see you all during our settling in sessions. The children are beginning to make friends and are always keen to talk to the adults about everything!

This half term the children's learning will be based around our topic 'Marvellous me' and Nursery rhymes. Our main learning strands will be Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication and language to enable the children to select and use different activities, build relationships with their peers and further develop their ability to take turns. We will be introducing our puppet 'Curious Colin' to help us explore our new environment and we will be encouraging the children to be curious and ask questions to develop and extend their learning.

In Nursery we love to celebrate your child's WOW moments captured at school and at home. To help us do this, we ask you to fill in a WOW star when your child has done something special, tried something new or said something that makes you go WOW! Please complete these at home and bring them into school where they will be shared with the class and displayed around the classroom.

For Religious Education we use the scheme 'The Way, the Truth and the Life'. This term our topic is 'God's Wonderful World' where the children learn about plants, fruits and animals in God's world and reflect on what God has made us. We also think about ways we can care for the world that God has created. You can support children at home by helping them to learn the prayers we say at school, teaching them the sign of the cross and by discussing the prayers you say as a family with your child.

Reading is very important. Children only become good readers by reading daily and being read to. 'Reading for enjoyment' is a very important element in teaching children to read. Your child will bring home 2 library books a week that they have chosen, we hope you enjoy sharing these with your child. We will also introduce a reading morning in Nursery later in the term. This is where you can come into Nursery and share a book with your child.

We have included a vocabulary list for this half term and we would be grateful if you could go through this with your child, this will help them to learn new words and phrases.

Anything else....

We use pencils, paint and collage to make pictures and models, developing fine motor (hand control) skills. If you have any unwanted, recycling materials and unusual packaging, please feel free to bring it in as it often sparks the imagination of children!

Parents, I am delighted to be teaching your child this year and I hope it will be a very happy and successful year for all of us.

Thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns about your child's learning. I will be very happy to meet with you and by working together we can do the best for your child.

Mrs Bracken