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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring term in Froglets. Our theme until the end of the term will be **'Up in the Air'**. We will be learning about the weather, seasons, flight and will be enjoying celebrating Chinese New Year.

Here is some additional information about life in Nursery:

Spare clothes

Every child needs to have a spare change of clothes to be left in school, hanging on your child's peg. Children may get wet or dirty from one of the exciting learning experiences we enjoy in EYFS! Please can we ask for them to be in a soft fabric/plastic bag due to limited space on their peg.

Cooking and healthy eating

Cooking with the children offers a wide variety of learning experiences, for example Numeracy, Communication and Language, Understanding the World and Physical Development can all be taught in one session. To help support this we ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p a week to buy the ingredients and resources needed. Your child can give it to a member of staff in the classroom or if you prefer you can contribute for the half term or term in one go.

We provide water, fruit and milk for the children throughout the day. If you want to donate a couple of extra pieces of fruit a week to the classroom that would be gratefully received.

Parent drop-in sessions

Stay and play dates Spring 1

23rd January - Weather theme

30th January - Local walk to Primrose Hill (9.00am -10.00 am)

6th February - Chinese New Year theme

13th February - 'Flying' theme

They will run from 8.45 am until 9.30am. This shared experience is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to stay for as little or as long as they wish and be involved in their children's play and learning. We'll lead the whole class in songs, stories and games from 9.10am until 9.25am so you can see how we approach learning in the Nursery. You can even learn some Makaton signs that we use with the children! A different member of the family could come each week so please try and attend as many as you are able.

Head Teacher: Robin Warren

Dressing for the weather

As the days can be cooler and wetter, can we please ask that your child comes to school every day in a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We use the outside area every day and so children need to be able to wrap up warm. Encourage you to dress your child in clothes that they are able to change themselves. Shoes are best with Velcro fastenings at school. Long, untied laces can be dangerous in a bustling learning environment.

If you have wellies that your child no longer fits into, please donate them to the school - our Tadpoles class and other children would really benefit from them.

Sharing your child's learning

You have all been sent observations from 2Build A Profile. The team work hard to create these and so we hope you find them informative and enjoyable. Simply by replying to these emails you can send us photos and a few lines to share what your child has been learning and doing at home. Perhaps they attend a sports club, maybe they start doing something they couldn't do before, they might make an incredible model at home or go on a fabulous adventure. We'd love to share in those experiences so please send us updates and we can form a wonderful picture of your child's abilities and achievements at home AND in school.

Parental talents and mystery reader

We'd be over the moon to have any of you in to sing with us, do some cookery, enjoy some art or gardening, do some storytelling or share any other interest or talent you have. Please chat to a member of the Nursery team if you're inspired to join us.

There is also a sign-up sheet at the classroom door where you can volunteer to be a mystery reader in class. Each Monday, one adult (a parent, member of staff from around the school etc...) will arrive in class at 3.10pm and surprise the children with a story they have brought with them from home. You could read, act, sing or whatever you like. Come and speak to one of the team if you'd like to find out more or to sign up. This has been a huge success so far.

Attendance

Your child's punctual and regular attendance at school is of crucial importance in their learning and development. Please make every effort to bring your child to school on time with as few gaps in their attendance as possible. We understand that the children fall ill from time to time but please do all you can to help us retain and improve on this figure and miss as little time from school as possible.

And finally...

A reminder that our aim is for your child to become a confident, motivated and independent learner. Remind them to 'have a go' at things they find difficult. Try to refrain from doing things for them and tell them 'you can do it'. Remember that mistakes are marvellous and are the way we learn how to do things. Praise all of your child's successes and encourage them to make decisions and choices about the experiences and learning they do outside of school.

We look forward to sharing the exciting year ahead with you all. If you have ANY questions or want to find out more, please speak to any of the team.

Many thanks,

Richard and the Froglets team