

Dear Parents,

We are so pleased with how well the children have adjusted to the daily routines and expectations at school! They are enjoying exploring the setting, making relationships and confidently trying out lots of new things.

Thank you for returning the 'All About Me' sheet to tell us all about your child. We have looked at the interests of the children and what they would like to learn about and will try to incorporate as many of these into our future planning as possible. The children have shown a love of books and get really excited about our daily story time! As a result of this we have decided to spend the next few weeks thinking about their favourite books, using Julia Donaldson as a focus author at school. We would love for you to send in a favourite book from home for us to share at story time. Please ensure these are labelled with the name of your child and passed to Mrs Teal on the door in a morning so we can keep them safe!

As the weather is now getting a little cooler, please remember to send a coat for your child each day to allow them to access the outdoor learning area. We would appreciate your support by practising zipping up coats with your child to help them become more independent. Also, please remember to send your child to school with a healthy snack each day. Don't forget Friday is 'Treat Day' so children can bring a snack of their choice on this day. Please avoid sending lollipops or products containing nuts. We would be grateful if you could just send **one** snack each day otherwise snack time tends to go on a little too long!

We have included an acorn template with this letter. We would like you to write on the acorn to let us know about the achievements of your child outside of school. These will then be displayed on our 'Amazing Acorns' wall at school. Achievements can be anything you are proud of! Maybe your child has been for their first swimming lesson or has tried eating carrots for the first time! We look forward to hearing about all the achievements of your child!

As always, doors open from 8.55am and we will be available any day, if you wish to speak to us, after Nursery.

Many thanks for your continued support
Mrs Teal and Mrs Brown

Useful websites

www.ashcroftinfantandnursery.com

<http://www.gruffalo.com/>

Nursery

Learning Challenge

Planner Autumn 1 (Part 2)

Which books are our favourites?



WOW:

LC1	Is there really a Gruffalo?
LC2	What makes Superworm super?
LC3	How do people celebrate Harvest?

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Focussing attention on tasks for longer periods of time.

Showing an understanding of prepositions such as on top and behind.

Retelling a series of events in the correct order.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Responding to each other in play.

Practising taking turns and sharing resources with each other.

Sharing experiences of special times at home with adults and peers.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Exploring different ways of moving, e.g. slithering, running, skipping, hopping and jumping.

Developing a one handed grip on scissors and showing an awareness of using them safely.

Practising pencil grip.

LITERACY

Developing an awareness of rhyme.

Recognising our names.

Giving meanings to the mark making we do.

Describing the characters in the stories we share.

MATHEMATICS

Using number names in play with accuracy.

Showing an interest in the shapes in their environment.

Developing the use of positional language.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

Talking about some of the things they have observed such as plants and animals.

Using small world resources to tell stories.

Operating programmable toys.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Home corner role play ~ Gruffalo forest.

Junk modelling.

Painting and colour mixing.

Singing songs linked to our topic.

