

Little Forest News



Little Forest
NURSERY SCHOOL

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Issue 1

Hello and welcome to the Little Forest Newsletter!

A very warm welcome to our new starters. We hope you have had a wonderful summer and we look forward to watching your children grow and develop in our care. Although we are only two days into our first term it would be useful to hit the ground running and share some information that will help aid you with your child's learning journey. To see what we get up to during the week follow our **Twitter page: LittleForestNu2**. To receive information and updates check your emails regularly. There is a **newsletter** every **two weeks** that will share photos of our learning and also give you important information.

Our first term is about settling in and learning all about the children, old and new. The story that we have read this week is called Starting School and it's all about starting school for the first time. We think it is important to address transition and change as it can sometimes feel overwhelming for young children. We have had a fun filled few days full of laughter, enjoyment and making new friends. To help with our all about me topic, please could you bring in a family photo that we can display in our role play area and use as a talking point during group time.

Tapestry:

Tapestry is an online learning journal which tracks children's learning and progression. In the coming weeks new parents will receive an email with all the information needed regarding tapestry and a permission slip that will need to be signed and returned in order to access your child's profile. Frequent observations will be carried out on the children and will be learning specific. Observations on each child will not be recorded daily. Our relationships with your children are of high importance to us and we will be tracking progress but not always on the system. Rest assured you will be contacted if we have any concerns regarding your child's progress. During the first six weeks of the first term we will be undergoing a baseline assessment of the new children which will enable us to understand your child's needs and plan next steps. At the end of the first term you will receive a long observation named 'on entry observations'. This will give you an insight into what your child has shown us during their first 6 weeks at nursery school.

Focus Child Conversations:

In nursery we do not have set parents evenings as they do in school. Instead we have a 5—10 minute meeting regarding your child's learning and progress. Once we have completed our baseline assessment I will contact you and arrange a meeting. Due to Covid19 I will be making telephone appointments with each of you where we can discuss how your child has settled and their learning and progression. These will be carried out every 2 terms depending on your child's start date.

Spare clothes:

It is important that children bring spare clothes to nursery. We do a lot of water play, sand play and mud play in school and often our clothes may get dirty.

Many thanks,

Miss Head.