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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very warm welcome to the nursery class here at Tynsel Parkes. We are so pleased with how well all the children have come into school with lovely smiling faces. Below are a few bits of information you may find useful about the day to day running of the nursery and the various things we may be asking you to do at home to support your child's learning.

Timings of the school day

Morning session 8.30am - 11.30am

Lunchtime 11.30am - 12.05pm

Afternoon session 12.05pm - 3:05pm

Reading

This week your child has chosen a library book to share at home with their families. Each week they will visit the school library and choose a book to bring home. Your child will share this book with their teachers and we will record a comment in their yellow reading journal. When you read or share a book with your child please can you write the title and a little comment in the journal, so that we can talk to them about their favourite books and stories?

They will keep this book for a week; we would like you to share this book together. We suggest little and often to keep their concentration, ideally at least 5 times over the week. You could share a couple of pages at a time, don't feel that you have to read the whole book each time. Please encourage them to talk about what they see, why might this be happening etc. We aim to foster a love of reading to support the development of early literacy skills.

Home Learning

Each half term your child will bring home some activities that we would like them to complete at home with an adult. These activities can be recorded in the red book provided or on the Learning Journey. Your child can then share their learning with their friends at school.

Phonics

We start phonics in Nursery we explore listening and making different sounds. You can help your child at home by going on a sound walk - what can you hear inside and outside? Distinguishing different sounds that they hear, listening to each other and imitating the sounds that we can make. This is a base towards learning their letter sounds which we begin after Christmas. Any practice that you can do with listening to sounds will be a great help for your child.

Topics

You can find a list of the topics that we cover over the year on the school website. This half term is 'All About Me'. We will be talking about our similarities and differences and making relationships with our new friends and teachers in the nursery. If you wish to email any photographs showing your child's achievements please email them to us at nursery@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk and we can share them on the whiteboard with their friends.

Snacks

In Nursery the children receive government funded fruit every day, which will commence from the week beginning 2nd September. The children will also receive milk daily.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle, please ensure that the bottle is named. Children will be encouraged to drink frequently during the day and they will be re-filled whenever necessary. The bottles will be sent home every day to be cleaned and returned when your child has their next session.

If you have any questions/worries please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to us.

Yours sincerely

The Nursery Staff.