

AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM LETTER

FS1



Welcome to the Autumn Term in FS1

Welcome to the autumn term in Foundation Stage One! We have had a busy start to the term. We have loved welcoming children back into nursery and are enjoying meeting new children and sharing their first days at Gilshill Nursery with them. The Foundation Stage One team includes: **Miss Van Waarde, Mrs Harrison and Miss Plews.**

We would like to inform you of some important dates for your diary:

Monday 30th September & Tuesday 1st October- Individual school photographs.

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th October- Parents evenings (times to be confirmed)

Wednesday 23rd October- Harvest Festival 2:30pm Children can leave after the performance. (If it is not your day your child may attend with adult supervision to perform)

Thursday 24th October—Halloween day (your child may dress up) & School closes for half term.

Tuesday 5th November — School reopens

Monday 9th December- Breakfast with Santa at Monkey Business (if not your child's day they can swap a session)

Wednesday 11th December- FS1 Christmas Production

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THEME

We will be starting this term with the theme of '**Monkey Puzzle**' Based on the story by Julia Donaldson.

Children will have the opportunity to learn about their families and different animals within the story. They will look at how animals grow and differences between them. We will use this theme to enhance the different areas of the curriculum and help build friendships and establish routines. We will be also following the seasonal changes as well as celebrating key events in the autumn term.

Each term we will set homework linked to our topics.

HOME CHALLENGES

- We would like you to read the book at home or watch it on youtube with your child and discuss your family.
 - Send in or email a photograph of your family to cvanwaarde@gillshill.hull.sch.uk
- Create a piece of art work linked to one of the animals and send it in to be displayed.

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LABELLING CLOTHES:

Please could you make sure that all of your children's belongings are labelled. This could be a sewn on name label or even just their name written onto the garment label. Remember: cardigans, jumpers, coats, shoes, bags. Please could you also label your child's water bottle.

PARENTS NOTICE BOARD

We would love you to read our notice board regularly. This is an instant way to check information if a member of staff is unavailable to speak to. We also post pictures and descriptions of what the children have focused on in the previous week. You will also find extra copies of letters you may have missed.

LUNCHES:

Please could you ensure your child's lunch box is clearly labelled. We also ask that if you are sending fruit, such as grapes, that these are cut in half from top to bottom. This is to reduce a choking risk. We must insist that nuts (including peanut butter) or eggs are not put into packed lunches as we have a number of children with serious allergies in the school. As a school we support healthy lifestyles, we would like to encourage parents to provide a balanced packed lunch with limited sweet treats.

PAYMENT:

The cost of supervision for lunch is £5 per day. Payment can be made weekly or monthly using our online system but we must insist that any arrears are paid by the end of the calendar month, Thank you.

NURSERY LIBRARY

May we remind our existing parents and inform new parents of our nursery library. We have a number of books which you are welcome to take home to share with your child. They are on the shelf at the edge of the cloak room. Please help yourself and simply sign out the book you want to borrow, you make then return it when read and borrow another. We encourage parents to take a new book weekly!

We would like to say thank you for your support. We hope you find our setting as warm and inviting as the children do! Please do not hesitate to come into school if you have any worries, queries or problems, we are always eager to help.

Miss Van Waarde

Mrs Harrison

Miss Plews



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