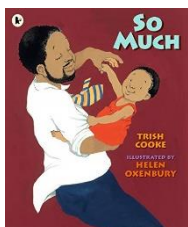


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome all new families, and welcome back familiar faces; we are looking forward to a brand new school year together! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break, and are ready and raring to go.

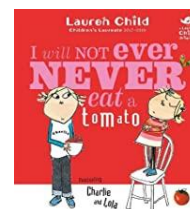


During the first few weeks in school, we prioritise time to get to know one another and our indoor and outdoor environments. We will have lots of stories, rhymes and songs and time to talk and listen to one another. We will also be listening out for the things that your children are interested in and engaged with. If you are new to the setting, you will hopefully have all filled in the forms that we gave you at the end of last term. We do get some idea of what the children enjoy from these but if there is anything that you have not mentioned, or any new interests have cropped up (no matter how long your child has been with us) please do let us know!



We are starting the school year with a theme of 'All About Me'. This topic will give us the chance to find out about our new friends and to explore our own interests and experiences. Our focus text for this topic will be 'So Much' by Trish Cooke, though we will enjoy many other stories through learning and play. We have also created a police station in the outside area following the children's interests in police officer role play, and we will continually enhance and adapt our environment based on the children's interests. For

instance, we know that there are some budding explorers and investigators amongst us and have therefore ensured that there is plenty of opportunity to solve mysteries and make discoveries with our new outdoor explorer bags! Following the half term we will be focusing on the theme of 'Food, Glorious Food!' with our key text being 'I will not ever, never, eat a tomato' by Lauren Child.



We do ask for a £5 voluntary contribution each term just to help us with the small incidental things like ingredients for playdough/cooking, sensory items, and we really do appreciate your help with this.



Please remember to start looking at/using Tapestry now. Many thanks to those of you who have already posted some of your child's learning on there; it is so important that your voices are heard as well as ours! Do let us know if you are having any difficulties with the programme.

Children need a pair of wellies and a bag of spare clothes in school at all times. We cannot stress enough how important it is for everything to be named. **Please ensure all items of clothing** (including school shoes and wellies, coats and caps) **are named clearly**. We are a nut-free school so please remember this if you are giving your child a packed lunch. The children do not need water bottles in school.

Do remember to check the school website regularly so that you see all the wonderful learning that is going on. Here, you will also find copies of any letters we send home and an outline of our curriculum.

We are really looking forward to working closely with you and your children during the coming year!

The Early Years Team