

**Firstly, thank you very much for all the lovely cards and gifts you gave the nursery staff at the end of the term. It was very kind of you.**

The Nursery team and I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break, and we can't wait to see all the children and hear their holiday news!

Our topic this term is 'The Day of the Dinosaurs'. We will encourage the children to engage in conversations about dinosaurs and learn new vocabulary. This will include hearing and learning rich story vocabulary and retelling our own stories through role play and small world activities. We will also be discussing and experiencing the seasonal changes as they occur throughout the term.

### **Useful Information:**

#### **Naming Clothing, Bags and Lunchboxes.**

The end of the day can be tricky for little ones. Can we please ask you to clearly name coats/sweatshirts/bags and lunch boxes. By managing their own belongings, it will encourage the children to become more independent.

#### **Toileting**

Please keep us up to date with any toileting needs. If your child needs to use nappies and wipes these need to be sent in from home and make sure you include nappy bags.

#### **Clothing**

We don't recommend that children wear their best outfits as we encourage them to spend time exploring the different activities on offer and these can often include using resources that can be a bit messy!

Suitable footwear is a must! Trainers or shoes that the children can move freely in.

#### **Snack**

Fruit is provided for both morning and afternoon snack. The children have a choice of milk or water. We promote independence by encouraging the children to pour their own drinks and peel their own fruit. If you would also like to provide a water bottle for use throughout the day, please name it and we will keep it in the snack area where it will be accessible throughout the day. If you do wish to provide a water bottle, please ensure it contains only water.

#### **Development scrap books and assessments**

Nursery staff will gather observational evidence to assess your child's development under the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. We will regularly share information with you about your child's learning and development during open mornings and parents evenings. At the end of their time with us your child will be given their 'This is me' book containing photographs, artwork etc. as a memento of their nursery journey.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs V Fenemore, deputies are Mr W Slocombe and Mrs D Rowcliffe in the event that you have any concerns please contact them through [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) / [admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk). It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the eSafety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

We are really looking forward to an exciting term ahead and feel privileged to be able to share your child's learning and development with you.

If you have any queries or questions just let us know and we will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stapley