

# Winkleigh Primary School

## Nursery – Autumn Term Newsletter



**Firstly, I would like to say how excited I am to join the nursery team and I very much look forward to meeting you all, and to the year ahead!**

**Mrs Stapley**

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

Our topic this half term is 'This is me'. We will be focusing on ourselves, our families and our local community. This will include building positive relationships within our class community and developing independence.

We'd like to start our topic by asking if the children could bring in some family photographs that they can share with their friends and that can then be displayed in class.

### **Helpful reminders:**

#### **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 lunchboxes. 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. The Nursery does not keep a supply of these.

#### **Uniform**

Uniform is not compulsory, and children are obviously more than welcome to wear their own clothes. However, if you would like to order a school Sweatshirt, they can be ordered from our uniform suppliers; Thomas Moore in Exeter, and Instant Images in Torrington. Please see the school website for more details.

We do recommend that children don't wear their best outfits as we encourage them to spend time outside playing with water, sand, mud and general messy stuff. We would not want anyone to ruin their best outfits!

#### **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. You will receive two reports about your child's progress, and we will update you on their next steps during the termly parent's evenings via Zoom. At the end of their time with us you will be given a scrapbook containing photographs, artwork etc. as a memento of their nursery journey.

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.

Mrs Stapley and the Nursery Team