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September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Maidenhall! We hope you have had a lovely summer and that the children are excited about the start of their school career here with us!

We would like to introduce the Year R teaching team to you:

Hamster – Mrs Ali (teacher) and Mrs Hussain (teaching assistant)
Rabbit – Mrs Foster and Mrs Liscio (teachers) and Miss Potter (teaching assistant)
Goldfish – Mrs Evans (teacher) and Mrs Sultan (teaching assistant)

We are also fortunate to have several other members of staff supporting the children in the first few weeks.

We want to build up good relationships with our families and hope that we have managed to meet most of you during the parent consultation times that were arranged for the first week. If we have been unable to meet with you yet, please speak to your child's teacher who will be able to offer you a time to meet.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their autumn uniforms and we are expecting them all to maintain the very high standards that they have started with. We must point out, however, that part of Early Years is about learning through play and with that comes mess! A dirty uniform from school shows that the children have been getting stuck in and taking part!

The weather will soon be changing and children will be going outside in all weathers. We therefore require children to have a suitable warm and waterproof coat.

Also, jewellery should not be worn to school for health and safety reasons.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.



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Supporting Your Child At Home

As the term progresses, the children will start to bring home books or words to learn. In the meantime, it is important for your child to know and rehearse the following:

- Their name (first name and surname)
- Numbers to 5 or 10
- How to take off and put on their coat
- How to take off and put on their shoes
- How to use the toilet including washing their hands
- How to use a knife and fork.

PE

We will not be starting formal PE for a few weeks although the children will be getting plenty of physical exercise through other areas of the curriculum. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school as soon as possible, ready for their formal PE lessons. All PE kit must be clearly named and in a named bag.

Attendance

It is of the utmost importance that your child is in school every day to ensure they achieve well and get used to the routines and expectations of school. Please support us in ensuring attendance is as good as possible for all pupils. Children with 100% attendance each week will be rewarded!

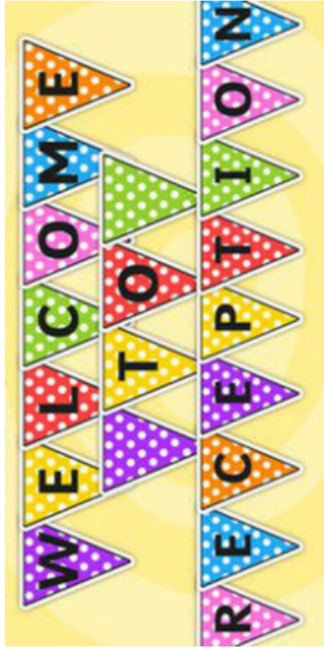
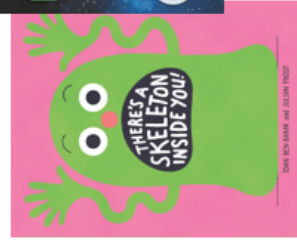
We look forward to working with you this year and thank you again for your support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Howarth
Year R Leader

Our books for this half term are:

Super Duper You
 Ah, There's a Skeleton Inside You
 What Makes Me a Me?
 There's Only One You
 Five minutes peace
 Peace at last



Knowing Me, Knowing You Autumn 1 2021

Phonics

Before children learn to read and write they need to learn about the sounds around them. This half term we will be exploring the different sounds we can hear in the world around us as well as listening to lots of nursery rhymes and stories. You can find out more information about phonics on our class webpage.

Mathematics

This half term the children will be learning to recognize numerals up to 10. They will also be practicing their counting skills by counting objects, people and the things they find around them. You can help your child at home by looking out for different numbers in the world around us. For example, see how many numbers you can spot on your way to school or at the shops.

How to help your child at home:

- Read stories with your child everyday and ask them questions about the stories.
- Make sure they know their full name- first names and surnames.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes.
- Make sure they can put their shoes and coat on by themselves.
- Make sure they can go to the toilet and wash their hands by themselves.