

# Planning Note

Dear Parent/Carer

You may have noticed your child beginning to discuss autumn as this is the topic we are currently learning about in nursery. To support the development of children's understanding of autumn we have decided to encourage the children to create their own wall display and sensory table. We would ask that if you go on any outings, walks or experiences which relate to Autumn to please send in some information or pictures which can be added to the wall display or if you plan to do any Autumn activities again we would love to hear about them or see your pictures.

Likewise if your child has any items they would like to bring to add to the sensory table to please do so, as children will be given opportunities to share such experiences and items with their friends, which will support their learning and development of autumn.

Staff have observed that the children had a particular interest in the animal pictures and books from our autumn topic box, therefore have decided to teach the children about hibernation. To support their learning we will be having a hibernation week at nursery where the children can bring a small soft toy (preferably in animal form) to place within our hibernation den/cave (which the children will be involved in making) to sleep in until spring.

Hibernation week will take place week commencing 24 October and children can bring their chosen toy on the day they attend nursery.

Please note that all toys placed within the den/cave will remain in there until spring like a real hibernation, when we then have a celebration day of the animals waking up, therefore we encourage you to discuss this with your child beforehand. We cannot reinforce enough that no special or favourite toys should be placed within the den/cave.

We would also ask that all toys are small in size to allow all children the opportunity to place a toy in the space.

Within Hibernation week we will also be having a Hibernation Day, which will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. On this day the children can attend nursery in their Pyjamas and take part in a variety of experiences related to hibernation, which again will support their learning and development.

Please note that if you have any other ideas, suggestions or comments then please either add them to our parents planning board situated on the window above the children's library or send them via our electronic feedback form on our website where staff will be happy to add them to the planning board for you.

Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing information.

Thank you

