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Dear Parents,

A big welcome to everyone! We are so pleased with how quickly the children have settled into school and the new routines. The children have adapted really well and we are looking forward to a brilliant year!

For the first term please can you help the children first thing in the morning by putting their drinks and snacks in the trolley as they come in. The children will be then be encouraged to put their book bags and coats on their named pegs. Please can you also bring in a pair of wellies for the children to wear whilst in the wildlife area, we can keep these at school or you are welcome to take them home at the end of each day. We do have lots of spare wellies too, so please don't worry if you are unable to do this.

We are lucky enough to have lots of different adults in Rabbits. Mrs Lazenby and Mrs Nelson work full time in Rabbits, Mrs O'Neill will cover Mrs Lazenby's Planning time on Wednesday mornings and Mrs Buck will help out in the classroom too.

This term our main focus will be 'routines' and settling the children into daily school life. We will be focusing on relationships throughout the school and how we make our school a happy place. We will focus on various different topics throughout the year, this term will be 'Where I live', although most of our planning will be led by the children and their interests. This topic helps the children to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings.

We will be looking at our local area and will be taking the children on several 'welly walks' around the school ground and making the most of our wildlife area too!

Our main focus for English will be following our 'Talk for Writing' scheme and looking at the book 'We are going on a Bear Hunt', however in this first term we will have a large focus on name writing and recognising different letters in our names. We will also be looking at identifying and naming different parts of our bodies in science and looking at how we move. We will also be following in term 1 the PSHE unit:



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'Being me in my world' and in term 2 we will be looking at 'Celebrating difference'. We will be using our music scheme 'Charanga' and looking at the unit 'Me'.

We will be following a scheme new to the school: Sounds Write for 'phonics', more information will follow in the near future.

Rabbits will be doing PE on Tuesdays this term, the children usually bring their PE kits in at the start of term and keep them at school on their pegs until the end of term. Please make sure that all PE kit is clearly named and that the children know where their names are placed.

We record the children's learning through an 'eprofile' system called 'Tapestry'. All the children's learning and observations will be done through this. Once this is up and running we will provide you with details. We also have within the classroom individual learning boards, where we will display the children's work, this will be changed on a regular basis to show the children's development. We are really excited to be starting in a new room this year, and we believe that this new learning environment will be an amazing space for the children to develop. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions.

We would also like to invite you to our Curriculum meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30 am.

Mrs Lazenby and Mrs Nelson