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Dear Parents/Carers,

We will have a busy first couple of weeks at Nursery. We have welcomed some children back to Nursery after their summer break, and we have welcomed lots of new friends too! This half term our themes are 'Who am I?' and 'Autumn'.

Over the course of the half-term we will be focusing on:

**Personal and Social Education:**

- Settling into our environment
- Understanding our rules and routines
- Activities with turn taking opportunities
- All about me discussions
- Celebrations that are important to me
- How to take care of ourselves and our friends

**Literacy/ Communication and Language:**

- Phonological awareness activities such as recognizing and naming sounds in the environment
- Name recognition
- Mark making
- Introduce reading area and our books
- Share stories and our favorite stories from home
- Tell others and ask questions about our family

**Mathematics:**

- Enjoying number rhymes
- Sorting/matching/ordering
- Measure each other
- Compare the sizes of hands
- Shape names and simple properties
- Nursery routine and home routine
- Colour recognition and colour mixing
- Days of the week

**Understanding the World:**

- My family and myself
- My home and the homes of others
- Celebrations – birthdays and Halloween
- Our local area – Ferryhill
- Autumn, seasonal change, weather
- Harvest Festival





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#### Creative Development:

- Tidy up music/ transition songs
- Body songs
- Self portraits
- Leaf printing
- Learning how to access the creative area independently

#### Physical Development:

- Developing fine motor control and finger grip
- Developing independent toilet skills
- Dressing and undressing skills such as putting on our own coats and shoes
- How to take care of ourselves such as oral health, hand washing and healthy eating



In the Foundation Stage we follow children's interests, so it may be that some of these activities do not get completed and we follow the lead of the children into a different aspect of the topic.

As the weather begins cool over this coming half term, we spend a lot of time outside- it is important that all children have a warm, waterproof coat, hat, gloves and wellies with their name inside as well as a bag of spare clothes for any necessary changes.

Please don't forget to upload on your child's Tapestry account all of the lovely things you get up to at home over the coming weeks.

Many thanks for all your support,  
Mrs. Snowball, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Richards and Miss. Chapman

