Holy Trinity
C of E Primary Academy and Nursery
Hope Within, Hope Beyond

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Dear Grown-Ups,

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope you all had a lovely break. We're really looking forward to spending another busy, happy term with your children and wanted to share some of the exciting things we'll be exploring together.
This term, we'll continue to nurture the children's growing communication, physical, social and cognitive skills through meaningful play.

We'll be encouraging them to:

- enjoy talking, sharing ideas and using new vocabulary,
- ask questions and show curiosity about the world around them,
- strengthen their coordination through fine motor activities,
- practise taking turns, sharing and playing alongside friends,
- explore early patterns, numbers and imaginative ideas in their everyday play.

We'll also be diving into the much-loved story The Three Little Pigs. The children will have lots of fun acting it out, exploring the characters and joining in with retelling. Alongside this, we are excited to start "Story Dough" sessions, where children use playdough to bring characters to life. This helps to build their fine motor skills while also giving them wonderful opportunities to talk, imagine and create together.

As we move through the half term, we'll begin preparing for our Nativity. The children will be learning about the story of Jesus' birth through gentle storytelling, songs and role play. This is always a very special time in preschool, and we can't wait to share those moments with you.

We'll also be supporting the children to become more independent in their daily routines. This term we are focusing on:

- Handwashing – helping children understand when we wash our hands and how to do it properly,
- Putting on coats and shoes– encouraging them to try things for themselves and feel proud of their achievements.

As the weather turns colder, please make sure your child has the following with them each day: A set of spare clothes (including socks!), wellies, a warm coat and hat. These help us make the most of our outdoor learning, whatever the weather may bring.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We are so excited for everything this term has in store and feel very lucky to be part of your children's learning journey.

Warmest wishes,
The Butterflies Team

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