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C of E Primary Academy and Nursery
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to our new school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and a restful break! We have welcomed five new children to Starlings and everyone has settled into school incredibly well. All our children have interacted with each other and the staff, as well as engaging with lots of fun learning. This year our team in Starlings will continue to be led by myself, Mrs Thompstone, with the support of Miss Roberts, Mrs Dorofte, Miss Buse, Mrs Adams and Miss Pugh.

This half term we will be continuing with our regular LEX time sessions where the children have an opportunity to learn through play and exploring independently, with outside exploring being extremely popular! We build in a range of adult led activities in our timetable, where the children are supported in their activities in order to further develop their knowledge and understanding as well as opportunities for independent learning and exploration. Attached is a copy of our Autumn Term 1 overview which shows our expected learning goals for the next seven weeks.

Towards the end of this half term, we will be organising a Starlings Harvest Festival morning, where you will be invited to join us take part in a range of Harvest related activities. This will be instead of us joining the whole school church celebration and a date will be shared as soon as possible.

Please do remember that our observation app, Tapestry, is where daily observations and photographs are shared, and there is an option for you to add photos from home. It has been lovely seeing some of the photos shared already, thank you. We will also be using Class Charts for communication and sharing any school updates with you. If your child is new to Starlings, an email will arrive shortly with a link inviting you to join Tapestry and log in details will be shared for Class Charts as soon as possible. If you need any support with login details or accessing these apps, please do ask a member of the Starlings team.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please do let us know.

Kind regards,

Mrs Thompstone and the Starlings Class team

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