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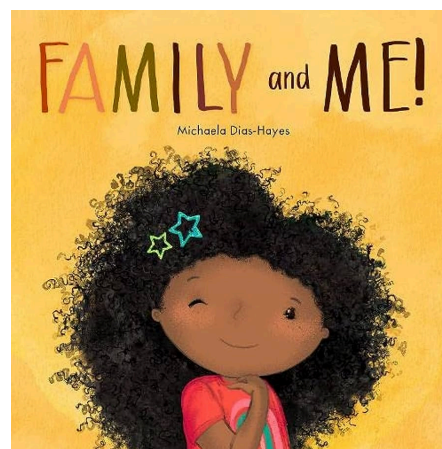
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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer! We are excited to be welcoming you to Stapleford Nursery. This term our core book to begin our learning is called 'My Family and Me!' by Michaela Dias-Hayes. This book will provide a great foundation for the children to begin sharing about themselves and other important people in their lives.

Each term we use our core book to begin our learning, paying close attention to children's thoughts and interests to provide engaging and stimulating activities which enhance their ideas. Please refer to the Topic Web document to get more information about specific learning we will be covering this term.

We look forward to beginning this journey with the children and families at Stapleford Nursery. If you ever have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to me in person or contact me via email nursery@staplefordprimaryschool.org



At Stapleford Nursery we try our utmost to provide the children with opportunities to explore other parts of the school and join in with activities the whole school has to offer. Therefore on a weekly basis we will provide an opportunity for the children to take part in outdoor learning at the moat, physical education in the hall, use of the running track and visiting the library.

For the first two weeks of the term we will primarily focus on the main learning environment which is the indoor and outdoor space at Stapleford Nursery. The **week beginning 15th September** we will implement some of the activities I have previously mentioned. The days and times these activities will be happening are outlined below, however I will change this on a half termly basis in the hope that all children will get an opportunity to explore everything we have to offer.

Moat Session



Moat Autumn 1: Friday morning

The moat provides an exciting opportunity for the children to explore the forested area, take risks and challenge themselves. We can't wait to begin integrating this in our weekly routine.

If your child attends Nursery on Friday mornings they will need to come in clothing that covers their arms and legs to protect them from nettles etc. They will need to wear welly boots and waterproofs incase of rainy weather. We suggest a spare change of clothes including underwear, socks and shoes in their bag incase get dirty or wet. Please let us know if your child does not have welly boots or waterproofs on the day of the moat, as we do have some spares.

If you are able to volunteer to support our moat sessions, even if it's just a one-off date, please let me know via email nursery@staplefordprimary.org

Running Track Session

Running Track Autumn 1: Monday morning

We will visit the running track on Monday morning if the weather is dry, as the running track can become slippery when wet. If your child attends Nursery on Monday afternoons please ensure they come in appropriate footwear for running e.g. not shoes with laces, sandals or crocs.

PE Session

PE Autumn 1: Thursday morning

The majority of our PE sessions will take place in the school hall where the children will take off their shoes and socks. If your child attends Nursery on a Thursday morning we request that they come in socks (not tights) and shoes that they can take off and put on independently e.g. shoes with velcro not laces. This session not only gives the children a chance to explore different types of movement, but also provides a time for us to teach and support independence skills too.

Library Session

Library Autumn 1: Tuesday afternoons

At the Nursery we really strive to encourage and embed a love of books and reading. Visiting the library on a weekly basis supports us in doing this with all the children who attend the Nursery. If your child attends the Nursery on a Tuesday afternoon they will have an opportunity to visit our school library and select a book of their choice to take home with them. We request that this book is returned in good condition the following week. However if your child is particularly enjoying the book they have chosen and would like to keep it for another week they are more than welcome to do so, please just let us know.

Tapestry

We use Tapestry to take pictures and make observations of your child's learning, development and wow moments. For the first two weeks we will be sending group observations to share pictures of how the children have settled and what they have been exploring. From the week beginning 15th September we will then transition to a 'focus week' approach. We will select 3 children and notify parents via a memo on Tapestry that it is their child's focus week. When it is your child's 'focus week' we ask that you add a couple of recent photographs of your child alongside a few sentences of your own observations/insight. These focus children will be given the opportunity to share their photos on the Nursery interactive whiteboard. At the end of your child's focus week you will see a learning story added to Tapestry with some photos and information of our observations. If you need any support on how to add your own pictures/observations on Tapestry please let me know and I can provide 'how to' guides to support this.

Important Reminders...

- Weather-as we all know the weather can be rather unpredictable. Please check the weather forecast before coming to Nursery and ensure that if the weather is going to be hot and sunny

that your child has **sun cream applied before coming to Nursery**. All children should bring a named water bottle, a named sun hat and a named sun cream in their bags (if weather is hot).

- Independence-Within the Nursery we encourage and promote the children to be as independent as possible. You can support this by encouraging them to dress themselves in the mornings. At Nursery we ask that you send them in footwear which also supports this e.g. velcro shoes rather than laces, so that they can take them off and put them on independently.
- Parents evenings will be on **Thursday 6th November (in person)** and **Wednesday 12th November (online)**. Information regarding this will be sent from the school office.
- Spooky Week theme in Nursery and Reception week beginning 20th October with optional dressing up on Friday 24th October.

A little note...

This term will be focused on getting to know the children and families at the Nursery. If you have any celebrations that you share at home please let us know so we can integrate this into our learning.

Kind Regards,
Lauren Davies