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**St Augustine’s CE Primary school**

**Nursery Newsletter**

**Autumn 1**

Welcome back to the families and children who were with us last year, and a warm welcome to all the new families and children who have joined our class. We are looking forward to a very exciting year ahead!

**Topic**

Our topic this term is ‘All about me’. We will be learning about ourselves, what we were like as babies and what we are like now. We will talk about our families, discovering our similarities, and sharing our feelings about what we love and enjoy. It will be a great opportunity to get to know new friends. To support our topic, can you send in a photograph of your child as a baby? If you are happy to do so, you can send in a picture of family members together.

**Communication, Language and Literacy**

We will explore our topic through books, images, sharing conversation and singing, acquiring new vocabulary to express thoughts and feelings. The children will be supported to build relationships with one another, developing their skills when speaking, listening to others and taking turns in conversation.

**Mathematics**

We will be supporting children to develop their counting and number recognition, covering numbers 1-10. We will also explore 2D shapes and colours. Please support your child by counting and noticing numbers and shapes all around us, i.e., the number 6 bus, door number 11, a rectangle door, round wheel. Don’t forget to have some fun counting steps, jumps as they splash in a puddle! Look at colours in the environment: traffic lights, the colour of trees, the sky etc.

**Home-school Reading**

The children will read 1-1 with one of the adults at Nursery and will be sent home with a book for you to share with them. Our expectation is that you read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day. A reading record book will also be sent home, and we would like you to write the date, name of the book your child read, and a short comment you may like to share. There will be a prompt in their reading record which will give you different ideas of what to focus on. Please ensure your child has a book bag that they bring to school every day – this can be purchased from the school office.

**Cooking at Nursery**

We will be cooking with the children throughout the year and request a donation of £4.00 once, every 6 weeks to help us purchase the ingredients. This is a great opportunity for the children to take turns, using and exploring science and mathematical skills in everyday life, such as measuring, counting, and watching the process of ingredients changing.

**Toileting and clothing**

We encourage children to be independent when taking themselves to the toilet; if your child is still in nappies, please begin to toilet train them as soon as possible. We will support you in doing this at school, but we ask you to send your child to school wearing pants, **not a nappy** when possible. Please bring in a bag with spare clothes: class adults will support your child with their selfcare, when needed. The bag will stay in school in case of need. Please make sure that any item of clothing your child wears or brings to school has their name on it.

**Key Dates**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 1st October – 31st October 2024 | Black History Month |
| 28th – 1st November 2024 | Half Term Break |
| Thursday 12th December 2024 (Autumn 2) | Forest School |

If you would like to discuss any concerns you may have, please make an appointment with the school office. For more information about the school please visit our website: www.st-augustines-primary.co.uk/

Best wishes,

**The Nursery Team**

**Miss George and Mrs Ali**