



**Happy New Year everyone. Welcome to our new families. We are looking forward to working with you all this term and watching your children continue to grow into confident and independent learners.**

**Next week, we will explore items that have a 's' sound at the beginning. We call this the initial sound. Please encourage your child to bring something into nursery on Monday for our S display, e.g. sausage, snake, sock etc. Although sugar and shoe have an s at the beginning, it makes a different sound to the initial sound at the beginning of sock and snake.**

**At number time, we will look at quantities set out in different ways, so that we learn to recognise small groups without having to count them. This is known as subitizing. The 'Jack Hartman subitize up to 5 rap' will help us with this activity; you can find it in You Tube! We are also going to be learning rhymes to help us with our number recognition. The rhyme for number 1 is: Start at the top and down we run that's the way we make a 1. We will use our gross motor skills to learn how to write the number. We will use 'flipper flappers' (2 small pieces of fabric) and we call this our digit dance!**

**Over the next few weeks, the children who have just started with us will learn the Nursery routines, learn each other's names and learn how to use the different areas and resources in the Nursery. The children who have been with us for a while will continue to develop their personal, social and emotional skills by helping the new children with routines and rules. We will also focus on activities to develop our speaking and listening skills.**

**Our topic this half term is, 'Fur, Feathers, Scales and Skin!' We will look at animals, birds and humans. This week we have revisited owls and next week we will find out about bears. Our key text will be 'Peace at Last'.**

**Please remember to name all your child's clothing and shoes. If you have not already done so, please provide a pair of wellies for your child to keep at nursery. Please name them!**

**We are in need of empty plastic bottles for a craft activity. Please bring any clean empty bottles into nursery as soon as you can.**

**The 'Friends of Lee Brigg' are a group of parents who organise fund raising events to raise money for school. Just recently, they raised money for our outdoor area and we were able to add some fantastic resources. The group would like some more members, if you think you can help please go and see Mrs Dixon-Child in the office.**

**Thank you for all your support. Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Windsor and Mrs Hough.**