



**Happy New Year everyone. A very warm welcome to our new families. We are looking forward to working with you all this term and watching your children continue to grow in confidence and become independent learners.**

**Over the next few weeks, our new children will learn the Nursery routines, learn their friend'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.**

**Thank you to everyone who completed their skills challenge in the holidays. There is still time for your child to complete the challenge. Just let us know verbally or by email when they have completed it and we will place a sticker in their passport. Our email address is**

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**This week's learning: We have had a busy week in nursery. The new children have settled in and seem to be enjoying nursery life! The children have enjoyed the new dressing up clothes and shoes. They have loved making sure the Dear Zoo characters don't escape and then rescuing the ones who have been trapped! (This is a great activity for fine motor skills, try it at home). Our key text was Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell. It is a simple story that has repetitive text and introduces children to adjectives.**

**Our target vocabulary this week: perfect, tall, grumpy, fragile and fierce. We have also introduced the children to the names of young animals, snakelet, calf (giraffe, elephant and camel), cub, froglet and infant (monkey). Please try and use these words at home.**

**You can access the Dear Zoo book on you tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rudDGRQ9QGA>.**

**We will share some of this week's fabulous learning on Twitter- so please have a look at our tweets.**

**Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to speak to us about any worries or concerns you may have, we are here to help.**

**You may have seen a new face in nursery this week. This is our teaching student Miss Gilmour who will be working with us for the next 8 weeks. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Windsor and Mrs Hough.**