



Happy New Year everyone. A very warm welcome to our new families. We are looking forward to working with everyone this term and watching the children continue to grow in confidence and become independent learners. Together we will give your children the roots to grow and the wings to fly!

Over the next few weeks, our new children will learn the Nursery routines, 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.

**This week's learning:** We have had a busy week in nursery. The new children have settled in well and seem to be enjoying nursery life! Our key text was *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell. It is a simple story that has repetitive text and introduces children to adjectives. You can access the *Dear Zoo* book on you tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rudDGRQ9QGA>.

**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.

The children have enjoyed making sure the toy animals don't escape and they have rescued the ones that have been trapped! They used sellotape and masking tape. (This is a great activity for fine motor skills, try it at home).

**Parent's Evenings:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. **January 2023 starters: If you would like to discuss how your child has settled into nursery, please book an appointment with Mrs Windsor or Mrs Hough.**

**September starters:** We are often able to talk to you about your child's progress or next steps at the beginning/end of the nursery session. However, we appreciate that not everyone brings their child to nursery, therefore, if you would like to book an appointment to speak with Mrs Windsor please ask Mrs Windsor or Mrs Hough and they will arrange a time and date with you. We recognise that working in partnership with you is a very important part of school life, so please just ask us if there is anything you want to know about your child's learning or progress.

Our topic this half term is 'All Creatures Great & Small'. We will learn about different animals. If you have a photo of a family pet or photos from a zoo/farm/wildlife park/safari park visit, can you please bring them into nursery. We would like to put the photos on a display (to promote speaking and listening). If you prefer to email the photo to us, please send it to [Leebriqgtigercubs@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:Leebriqgtigercubs@watertonacademytrust.org)

We will share some of this week's fabulous learning on Twitter- so please have a look at our tweets. Please remember to name all your child's clothing and footwear. If you write their name using a pen, please check that it has not washed off. Thank you for all your support. Please don't hesitate to speak to us about any worries or concerns you may have, we are here to help. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Windsor, Mrs Hough and Mrs Standing.