



September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Welcome to your first school year at Haydn. We have really enjoyed meeting you and your children and settling in together. They have done really well learning the new routine of coming in, finding their pegs and sitting beautifully on the carpet for register time. We are so proud and pleased! No doubt they will all be tired now and will enjoy a rest over the weekend.

Over the first half term, we will focus on settling into school life, exploring our new environment and learning about working together. We will emphasise the importance of friendships and how to share and co-operate with others.

Stories and Books

Our first special book will be, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will enjoy acting out the story and will even take part in a sensory walk! Throughout the autumn term we will be reading 'The Little Red Hen', 'The Leaf Thief', 'Owl Babies', 'The Gingerbread Man' and last but not least, 'The Christmas Story'.

Festivals, Seasons and Traditions

We love celebrating different festivals and will be finding out about traditions celebrated in Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. It would be wonderful for the children to share any photographs showing how they celebrate these festivals or any other festivals at home. Over the term, we will also be looking for signs of autumn and seasonal changes and will enjoy a walk around our local community. We would love it if your child brought in any seasonal finds to help us to create an autumnal themed Nature Table.

Underpinning this work will be all the new skills we are learning and practising. We are concentrating on developing fine motor skills which enable the children to use tools safely and efficiently including using scissors and holding a pencil to form letters correctly.

Reading at Home

Your child will receive their free book bag and Home School Diary on Friday 27th September. Please ensure that your child reads to or with an adult every day at home. They will also read with an adult, in a guided group, three times a week in school. If you are able to offer any time as a reading volunteer it would be very much appreciated. Please contact a member of the team if you can spare a little time each week to support the children to build their reading confidence. We will be in touch with you soon to arrange a time. Please remember to attend our Reading Meeting on Thursday 26th September at either 2.30pm or 4.00pm.

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HAYDN IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL.



Keeping you Informed

We will use Class Dojo to send you a weekly overview, update you about forthcoming events and dates for your diary. You can communicate with us by either speaking to us after school, private messaging us on Class Dojo or requesting an appointment.

Labelling School Uniform

Thank you for labelling your child's school uniform and getting to school promptly. This has enabled us to have a smooth start and we appreciate your support. Thank you again for your support during this transitional time and we are very confident that the children have benefited from being eased in gently.

We are looking forward to a busy and happy term.

Yours sincerely,

The F2 Team