

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to tell you we have new friends at Nursery, our group bears. Each group has it's own bear. During group times the children have voted on whether the teddy was a boy or a girl, thought of names and voted for their favourite.

The children also listed items the bears would need in their bag to keep them happy, healthy and safe when they go for a sleepover at the children's houses. Each child will get a turn in taking a bear home for the weekend and we ask that they are returned on the following Monday.

In the bear's bag you will find a diary where you may comment and where the children may draw pictures about what they did with the bear. If you wish you can take photographs and stick these into the diary, please sign the permission space at the bottom of the diary as they will go to other children's houses. You may instead or as well as like to use Tapestry to share the weekend your child had with the bear.

The bears will help staff and children work towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award, we have listed the main Articles from the UN Convention of Children's Rights, upon which we, as a Nursery, will concentrate. These can be found at the front of the bear's diary.

It would be helpful for you to discuss with your child about meeting the bear's needs and rights as he or she shares the weekend with you. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to ask your child's key worker.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support and partnership in your child's learning.

