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New Beginnings - All about me, my new school, new friends and discovery time

During the first few weeks of school we will be focusing on getting settled in school. We will be getting to know our new school and making new friends. We will spend time exploring The Orchard and all our new learning areas as well as going on a tour of our new school. We will think about how we can be independent learners and independent in our self-care, as well as how to be good role models in our classroom, by setting class rules and expectations. We will make new friends by playing games and enjoying new activities together both with our class and with the other class. We will enjoy sharing new stories together and learning new songs and rhymes.

We will begin to learn how to read and write our names as well as recognising and reading print in the environment.

What makes me, ME?

In this unit of learning, we will enjoy finding out about each other by sharing our special boxes and the things that are important to us. We will find out what makes us all special and about the things that we enjoy. We will have an opportunity to talk about the learning that we enjoy doing, our interests and learn how we can choose our own learning paths based on these. We will also be encouraged to explore new interests and find out about new things that we can enjoy and share with our new friends, as well as talk about these experiences. We will continue to share books based on the theme 'All about Me' and learn more new songs and rhymes.

People who are important to me

We all have lots of important people in our lives; Mums, Dads, Sisters, Brothers, Grannies, Granddads, Aunties, Uncles and friends. In this unit of learning we will be celebrating these people. We will learn about the important people in all of our lives, discuss how families are different and how we all do different things in our families, or the same things differently. We will share stories about families and special people and relate them to our own experiences. We will enjoy talking about home and creating work based on our homes and our special people.

How do I feel?

This unit of learning will give us an opportunity to talk about our feelings and emotions. We will discuss and learn about all the different emotions we might feel and things that make us feel that way. We will play circle time games to explore feelings and ways to manage those different emotions. We will relate this to our first few weeks at school and talk about how we feel at school. We will continue to learn new songs and rhymes about feelings and we will share books to promote conversation about our emotions.

Celebrations and Invitations

The children will have been at school nearly half a term by now! WOW! We will spend these weeks reflecting on our new school, new friends and new experiences. We will share and celebrate our achievements and all the things we enjoy at school. We will plan and prepare a celebration of our start at school and reflect on our best bits ready to share with the people who are important to us – You!

