



# -Autumn

## Why we are different

Our ethos is based on the 'Forest School' ethos and the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Children aged two-to-five, immerse themselves in a long-term programme, where they have the freedom to learn in an outdoor setting. They are encouraged to use their experiences to improve and maintain their well-being. Children choose where, what and how to play and learn, learning observed, supported and progressed, by fully trained professionals. Children learn to manage their own risks and reflect on how their feelings change over time. This holistic approach results in increased self-esteem and better mental health which enables them to continue to succeed when they move on to their next learning environment.



## This term

Welcome back to The Shepherd's Hut. We hope you all had a fantastic summer! Welcome to those that have and are soon to join us. We had a great time at our Summer holiday club and enjoyed seeing many of you who joined us, we also welcomed lots of other children and everyone had a good time playing in the sunshine (mostly!) and making some new friends. We have lots of fun things planned for the next term. This week has been settling in for existing children and welcoming those who are new to The Shepherd's Hut.

We have been given two Giant African Land Snails and we will be following the topic of 'snails' for the next couple of weeks. Please see our blackboard for more details.



## Reminders & Updates

Please remember that we are a nut free and raspberry free setting. We have a member of staff who has a severe anaphylactic reaction if exposed to raspberries. This includes jammie dodgers, raspberry yogurt/fromage frais, jam sandwiches, fruit/cereal bars containing raspberry. We thank you for your help with this.

Please could we ask that all children's items and belongings are named.

Tapestry is now up and running and you will be issued with log-in details/pin next week.

## Staffing

We are delighted that Claire is now a permanent member of staff and will be working with us on a Friday.

We have also have another new member of staff, Caitlin who is our Early Years Apprentice. She will be working Tuesday – Friday.

