



14th September 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope your children have enjoyed their first full week at St David's in our new Early Years setting, we certainly have!

We have enjoyed getting to know each other, making friends and exploring our outside area. Watch this space, the outside area may look slightly different on Monday, exciting times!

Woodland Explorers

This year in the Early Years we are introducing a child friendly and accessible guide to the Early Years curriculum. It is known as the "Woodland Explorers" programme and has been written by EYFS teachers within the Wishford group.

Your children will be introduced to 16 different woodland animals over the year, who will open up a world of learning through exploration and purposeful play. For example; Curious Cat will help us to make sense of the world while Wordy Weasel will help us to link sounds and letters as we learn to read together.

We will be encouraging the children to use the relevant language linked to the woodland animals in the classroom. We would be grateful if you could reinforce this at home by talking to your child about the animals. In **Reception**, we will be focusing on one animal a week and in **Pre-Reception** we will begin to introduce the animals gradually over the year.

We hope the children will enjoy talking about these animals with you at home and look forward to celebrating their achievements with you.

Many thanks

The Early Years team

