



Play Along  
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Dear Parent/Carer

Autumn 1  
September/October 2017

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Some of the rhymes & songs we will be singing-

Heads, shoulders, knees & toes  
Simon says  
If you're happy & you know it  
Tommy Thumb  
Here we go round the Mulberry bush

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A warm welcome to all the old and new families joining Play Along this Autumn.

There may be a few tears when leaving Mum, Dad, Nana or Grandad, but I can assure you as soon as you have gone the crying stops and the children get involved in play. Thank you to our new parents for completing the information sheets from your Play Along folders, they have given us an insight into what your child likes to do and given us a starting point, helping us to work together to support your child.



We have all had a long summer holiday and the children coming back after the holidays need time to settle back in again and make some new friends.

Through September we will be continuing to get to know our new children, basing out activities around 'My Unique Self', continuing to help the children to "find" their way around Play Along, to access resources and get used to routines. Helping the children to feel confident to join in the various activities.

The children will be making 'All About Me' books, looking at our similarities and the differences that make us unique; creating self portraits, after looking at themselves in mirrors and using paper plates, paint, googly eyes and wool; and using our i-pads to take 'selfies'. Please ask your child to show you their creations displayed on our notice board in Play Along, along with comments that your child has made about their work—they will be very proud of what they have done.

We will be talking about 'their' favourite things, foods, toys etc. maybe you could ask him/her at home and write a note in your child's diary. We will also be thinking about 'special people in our lives' - we would love you to send in any photographs you might have for the children to talk to us about their family and other important people/pets in their lives.



We are making good use of our large outdoor area, looking at what physical skills we all have, how we can move, hop, jump, run, catch and throw, playing team and circle games and especially our brand new canopy which enables us to be outside, whatever the weather.

As we move into October we will be looking at the changes in the environment as we move through Autumn - what the weather is like today, colours, learning the days of the week and animals that hibernate.

Ways you can help your child at home-

- Sing some of the above songs/rhymes at home
- Share books and stories which will help to develop your child's listening skills
- Ask questions about the pictures in the books to develop their observation and language skills
- Encourage your child to share and take turns by playing table top games

A LAST REQUEST, **PLEASE** COULD YOU PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THEIR CLOTHING, ANY TOYS, BOOKS ETC, THAT THEY BRING INTO PLAY ALONG. COULD YOU ALSO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON THE **OUTSIDE OF THEIR LUNCH BOX AND BAG, CLEARLY VISIBLE** Thank you.

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