## LUXULYAN SCHOOL

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## <u>Ash Class Newsletter</u> <u>September 2018</u>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to all of our children and families joining us in Ash class this year. It's been a week of new beginnings, nerves and excitement for all! During the next few weeks we will be focusing on settling the children into life at Luxulyan School; exploring our indoor and outdoor learning environments, getting used to new routines and finding out about each other.

We are beginning our first term with the topic 'Family Trees', where we will be talking about our families, discussing similarities and differences and researching our family trees. In Numeracy, we will begin the term by looking at counting and number recognition, before moving on to learning about 2D shapes and money. In Literacy, we will be learning the story 'Owl Babies' through storytelling and role-play activities. We will then innovate the story as a class using our imaginative ideas and eventually invent our own stories.

We follow the Read, Write, Inc. phonics program, which develops reading and writing through the systematic learning of sounds from the English language. You will have noticed that the children have brought their first reading books home this week. At this stage, these books are to be read with or to your child, involving them in discussion about the story. Please encourage your children to tell the story from the pictures using sentences and lots of descriptive language. Over the coming weeks we will be reading with your children frequently and observing them in RWI lessons and we will then send home reading books that match their reading ability. If you have any questions about your child's reading, then please don't hesitate to speak to one of us. Reading is such an important part of your child's learning and development so please do try to read with your children daily as this really does help to build confidence and enjoyment as well as enables them to make continued progress.

Also, please ensure your child has a labelled bottle of water with them each day. We do ask for water in the bottles as we are a Healthy School and try to encourage the children to make healthy choices.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please come in and speak to us, Miss Carter and Mrs Berry.

Mrs Berry and Miss Carter Ash Class Teachers

