

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are thrilled to introduce our new addition to the classroom – our class mascot Kenny !

This adorable character will play an important role in your child's Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) experience and contribute to their overall development and learning journey.

Our class mascot is more than just a cuddly companion; it holds a special purpose within our EYFS curriculum and offers a range of benefits for your child:

**Comfort and Familiarity:** The mascot will provide a comforting presence in the classroom, helping your child feel at ease and secure as they navigate their early days at nursery.

**Language Development:** Through conversations, stories, and interactions with the mascot, your child will naturally expand their vocabulary, enhance their communication skills, and become more confident in expressing themselves.

**Imagination and Creativity:** Our mascot will be a catalyst for imaginative play, inspiring your child to create stories, scenarios, and adventures, thus fostering their creativity.

**Emotional Development:** By interacting with the mascot, your child will have the opportunity to explore and express their emotions, contributing to their emotional intelligence and self-awareness.

**Responsibility:** Your child will take on the responsibility of caring for the mascot, teaching them important values like accountability, empathy, and compassion.

**Family Engagement:** The mascot will occasionally go home with your child, along with a journal or diary. You can add pictures of your child with our mascot and a few speech bubbles or sentences to describe the fun they had. This provides you with a wonderful chance to be part of their learning journey and share their experiences.

We believe that our class mascot will add a dynamic and interactive element to our classroom, creating a positive and engaging atmosphere that enhances your child's overall development. We encourage you to ask your child about their experiences with the mascot and the adventures they embark upon together.

Thank you for your continued support in making your child's EYFS experience enriching and memorable. We look forward to the exciting journey ahead!

Kent Nursery Team

