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Dear Parents,

As part of working with our local community, we have developed a link with a local care home Moorside Hall. They are excited to welcome us and allow the children to develop relationships with their residents.

Our first session, will be focusing on a love of music and singing. This will involve singing Nursery Rhymes and listening to some of the music that the residents of the care home have chosen to share with us.

There has been research that has explored the benefits for both children and elderly of this intergenerational learning. For the children these include:

- Visiting a different environment – visiting new places helps to feel children feel more confident when they are challenged with an unfamiliar environment.
- Improved language development – research has shown that children who regularly spend time with the elderly enjoy a positive impact on language development.
- Gaining respect for the elderly - interacting with people from a different generation supports personal, social and emotional development.
- Increased empathy – the visits will help children to recognise the feelings of others and gain the skills to show empathy.

For the elderly, it is proven that they are less likely to suffer with loneliness and increased wellbeing.

All of the children in Reception will be scheduled to visit before the end of this academic year. You will be notified via Tapestry when your child is due to attend so keep an eye out on your child's account.

We cannot wait to get started!

The Early Years Team

Stand tall, reach high, love learning

*The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration,
inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing
Society.*