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*'LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS.' HEBREWS 10:24*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd love to welcome those of you who are new to us and welcome the rest of you back. Some of you may know that I have been away from school looking after my son over the last couple of years but I am very excited to get back into our wonderful school and start this year with your children. The last six months have been incredibly difficult for many people but hopefully you've managed to enjoy some bonus family time. The pandemic is still ongoing and I imagine some of you may be feeling anxious about bringing your children into school. I'd like to reassure you that Mrs Lewis and all staff have put lots of different measures in place to ensure everyone in the school remains as safe as possible while maintaining our friendly and caring ethos.

It is very important that you don't send your child in with any non-essential items such as teddies or pencil cases. I will be spending lots of time on 'Personal, Social and Emotional development' and encouraging children to share any worries and equally we will be celebrating achievements and successes.

This term we will be basing our learning across the curriculum on a book called 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. We will be using our outside environment - The Wilderness - and regularly taking our learning outdoors. Reception will have an 'Outdoor Learning' session with Miss Hawkins every other Monday so please bring labeled wellingtons that you're happy to leave in school. We will do PE every Monday afternoon. At the moment, due to Covid-19, we are asking that children come in wearing their PE kits and stay in them for the day.

Reception children won't receive homework in the first term but we do ask that you read every day with your child to support the development of their reading skills. They will come home with two books, the first will be linked to our daily phonics sessions and will include the graphemes that we are learning that week. I will change this book when appropriate. The second book, your child will choose and it's a book you can read together.

Learning in the Reception class is play based. Your child will be doing a mixture of child-initiated and adult-led learning, you can see what they've been up to on Tapestry. Tapestry is a secure online 'learning journal' which will include photos, examples of work and observations of learning. Once this is up and running, I will send home login details. If you need any help accessing this please ask.

Finally, it is important to keep hydrated so please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. We will provide fruit snack every morning but you are welcome to send a piece of fruit in if your child has a preference as we can't guarantee what the fruit will be.



I'm looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

Kind regards,

Mrs D Harding