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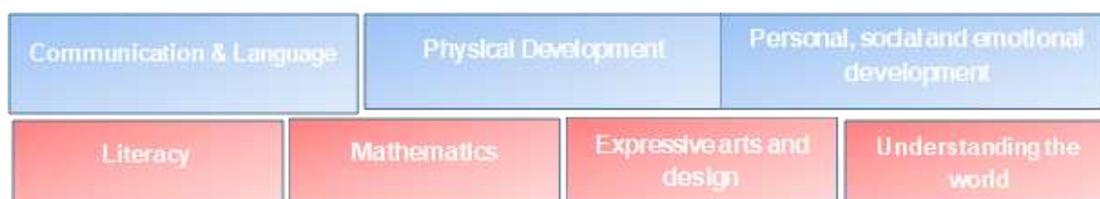
Dear Parents / Guardians,

New Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum 2021

As mentioned in our class newsletter, this year sees a change to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS) from the Department of Education (DFE). Last year, we were lucky to be one of the Early Adopter Schools and therefore feel really prepared for the changes this brings.

What does this mean for your child?

Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new ELGs (Early learning goals). These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. These statements will be shared with you all at the first parent's evening. The 7 main areas of learning remain the same. These are;



As part of the changes to the new framework, it also means that there is less emphasis on recording paperwork, meaning we, as adults, can spend more time with your child getting to know them and having those quality interactions. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further ensuring your child's educational journey from reception to KS1 is building upon previous knowledge.



Reception Baseline

The Reception Baseline Assessment or RBA, is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. It will be undertaken with your child's class teacher and will measure your child's progress from reception to year 6. At this point, the data is not designed to be shared with parents and is retained by the DFE but your child's class teachers will be able to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and if they need any further support in certain areas, can feed this information back to you. When your child reaches year 6, you will be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their school journey. If you wish to read further on the reception baseline, then you can find a useful parent booklet here;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

If you have any questions then please feel free to speak to one of us in person or via email on:

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Many thanks for your continued support,

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