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30th September 2020

Dear parent/carer,

We are really pleased with how the children have settled into school life over the last couple of weeks. It has been so lovely to hear the sounds of children playing and learning across our Early Years settings.

I wanted to write to you to make you aware of some curriculum changes across our Early Years settings. As a school we have decided to become an early adopter of the Early Years Foundation Stage reforms. As from September 2021 all Early Years settings will follow a new framework, however we have opted to start using this curriculum this year. We feel that this will give our children the best opportunity in their learning.



The new framework continues to break learning down into the 7 areas of learning; however, the content of these areas has been altered. For some areas there are only a few changes and for some there are more. Mathematics is an area with a lot of changes, in particular, a focus on gaining a deeper understanding of numbers to 10 by the end of Reception.



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Our current Reception children will be assessed on the new Early Learning Goals (ELGs). The new framework will not affect the general content of our curriculum, we will still be delivering a topic-based curriculum. However, the way in which our topics are delivered will be altered to meet the expectations of the reforms.

If you would like to find out more information about the new curriculum please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>

Mrs Martin

Head of Early Years

