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Dear Parents,

The children have all settled brilliantly and have enjoyed a variety of indoor and outdoor classroom activities over the past few days.

Things you need to know this term...

Home Learning:

Your child has been given a Home Learning Journal today, these will be sent out every Friday. The journals will be shared in class on a weekly basis, so please make sure that these are back in school by Wednesday. This week's home learning is to create an 'All About Me' poster.

Over the course of the year the children will also get to take home the class toy. The toy comes with a journal and information about what you can do with them.

Reading:

It is really important that you read with your child every day. Your child will be given a new reading book (starting in Week 3 – w/c 16th September) and a yellow reading record. In these records, we will add comments regarding your child's progress and the areas of reading that they need to focus on. Please also take a moment to add a comment of your own to let us know how their reading's going. **Books will be changed on a Monday, a Wednesday and a Friday every week.** Your child needs to bring their reading folder into school every day and place it in the clear box in the classroom.

PE:

PE lessons take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday morning. Your child must have their PE kit to be able to take part in these lessons. This term will be focused on the children changing in and out of their PE kits independently and experimenting with different ways of moving such as skipping, running, hopping etc.

Clothing:

It is essential that all your child's bags, water bottles, shoes and clothing are clearly named. Also, whilst we will make every effort to support your child to learn how to tie their laces, undo buttons and put jumpers on, we ask that you keep practising these key skills at home.

How parents can be involved in home learning

Your involvement is crucial to your child's time in Reception. Once the children are settled, we will begin to encourage you to come in to help with reading, cooking etc.

In the meantime and throughout the year however, there are a number of ways that you can support your child's learning: Listen to your child read daily; read to them a variety of high quality books; encourage them to add pictures and photographs to their home learning journal and scribe what they say about these; ensure your child wears full school uniform and has their PE kit in school; offer any expert help relevant to the topics; share WOW moments that you have with your child with their class teacher.

To find out about what we will be working towards this term, please see the information on the reverse of this letter. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat!

We look forward to seeing you all at the parent meeting on Wednesday 18th September @ 6.30pm.

Kind regards,
Sarah Thomas and Sophie Underwood



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