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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Reception Beta, Reception Delta and Reception Gamma,

Welcome to Reception! We would like to inform you of the subject areas which will be covered this term and thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Writing

Our books this term are; 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt.' The children will be learning the story and doing activities about these books. They will be starting to represent words using initial sounds that they have learnt in RWI.

Number

This term the children are doing fun activities to learn to rote count, touch count and represent groups of objects with a numeral. They will be deepening their understanding of number to start to solve simple problems.

Book bags

Please send your child to school with a book bag **every day**. Whilst books are only changed on a Wednesday, they are needed for important letters etc to be sent home in. Also, this means they are less likely to be forgotten on Wednesdays.

P.E.

Physical exercise is important to keep the children's body and mind healthy.

Reception will have P.E on **Wednesday and Thursday morning**. The children will be allowed to come to school wearing a suitable t-shirt, tracksuit and trainers.

RWI

RWI is our highly successful phonics scheme. In these sessions, children are taught the sound that each letter makes. They are then taught how to use these sounds to write words and read words.

When your child is starting to blend sounds together, you will be sent home a RWI book. The expectation is that you record every time your child reads at home with you in their reading diary (this will also be sent home). Reading should be done a minimum of 3 times a week but most progress is made when small amounts are read every day.

Books will automatically be changed weekly on a **Wednesday**, or at any time if you ask your class teacher.

Homework

Each **Friday** homework will be sent home. The expectation is that this is completed at home and is brought back to school by the following Friday. If the homework is received, your child will get a reward sticker. If it is not, they will not get a reward. They will be given an opportunity to miss a break time to complete it and get a reward if it is not done at home.

Music

The children have a Music lesson every week which is linked to the current topic for Literacy.

ICT

In the reception unit we have an ICT trolley that is stocked with programmable toys, including a tablet, for the children to explore.

ART

Miss Riat will be teaching the children basic creative skills each **Thursday**.

P.S.H.E

This topic is covered consistently throughout the academic year. Our aim is to teach children how to become friendly, happy, kind people.