

## Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have settled into the school routines and they have enjoyed exploring the different areas of the classroom and making new friends.

This week we will continue the Reception Baseline Assessments. Please refer to the letter sent by Miss Riches on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

We will be starting to introduce a 'star of the week' where children will be recognised for their hard work, resilience and perseverance.

**Phonics:-** This week we will be continuing to practise our listening skills by playing various games such as 'Roll a ball', children will name another child to roll to then later add on something that they like e.g. I am rolling the ball to 'Doris and I like tomatoes'. Children may need to listen to what has been said to be able to repeat it. We will also be learning the Makaton sign for 'hello' and 'goodbye'.

**Maths:-** We will be sorting and matching a range of everyday objects and ourselves such as by hair colour, eye colour and our uniform.

**Literacy:-** We will be sharing the story 'Where's my teddy?' and sharing key vocabulary and talking about what these new words mean.

### At home you could:-

- Talk to your child about the highlight of their day and/or week and how they are feeling about school.
- Go on a sound walk. Can you find objects which match to the sound of the day around the house?
- Can you sort some items from around the house into groups e.g by colour, size, shape etc.

### Please bring in:-

- Named wellington boots for the mud kitchen.
- A waterproof coat that can be used in the Mud Kitchen and Creative Area (this can be their school coat).
- A family photograph to display in our homecorner.
- A painting apron (this could be a parents old, longsleeved buttoned up shirt)
- **Please keep spare, named uniform in your child's book bag incase of accident (especially underwear)**

### **Important Notices:-**

- Please let us know if you are unable to access Tapestry. You may need to enable notifications.
- Multi sports dates are to be confirmed.
- Ensure your children have a water bottle for school that is labelled.
- Please remember staggered drop off and pick ups:
  - Duckling Class: 8.45am and 2.55pm
  - Cygnet Class: 8.50am and 3.00pm
  - Gosling Class: 8.55am and 3.05pm

### **Key dates:-**

- **Virtual Meet the Teacher: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
Duckling Class: 10am, Gosling Class: 11am, Cygnet Class: 1pm
- **Reception Soup and Bread Harvest Celebration 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. More info to come.**
- **Christmas Craft Morning 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9am and 10am**
- **Christmas Nativities at 9.30am**  
Gosling Class: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, Cygnet Class: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, Duckling Class: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thank you  
The Reception Team