

## Welcome to Year R

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that your child has enjoyed their initial experiences of starting in Reception - we are really pleased with the way the children are settling in. Here is some information about what your child will be studying in terms 1 and 2.

In Reception each child has a Learning Journal which will incorporate their maths and topic work.

In maths we will be recognising, counting and using numbers to 10, extending to 20. We will also be looking at 2D shapes and making patterns and models. A lot of our learning is through play based activities which keep the children focussed.

The topic work is based on the children's interests, which this term will be about the children and their families.

**It would be wonderful if you could support your child at home by talking about their family. Please also support your child in recognising and using numbers randomly to ten, extending to 20 as necessary. This can be done by looking at door numbers, registration plates, counting objects and helping with the shopping in supermarkets, etc.**

Later in the term your child will start the basics of reading and writing. We follow this through a scheme called Read, Write, Inc. The children will learn the sounds the letters or groups of letters make and learn to apply them appropriately. This is a fast moving programme and we will be sending homework to consolidate this once a week.

Your child will bring home a story book for you to share. Please read this to your child, asking questions to consolidate your child's understanding. You could also ask your child to join in with repetitive refrains (if there are any) and to predict or make up alternative endings.

### **Homework**

We have a selection of Dip and Do's for your child/children. These activities support their holistic development and can be found on the homework page of the school website. We hope you will support your child with this.

Many thanks,

Mrs Champ & Mrs Stanczyk