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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to school! We have had an adventure with online learning but we are very happy to be welcoming you all back through the school gates. We have a very busy term planned full of lots of learning so please read all dates and information carefully.

Topic: This term we are continuing to explore our curious curriculum enquiry "What makes our world so wonderful?" Please see an attached overview of the planned activities, although this will continue to evolve alongside the children's learning and interests. Although we have explored some continents of the world during home learning we are going to revisit these in school with lots more fun learning opportunities to explore!

Daily routine: Please note that in Reception the timetable often changes during the week to evolve around the children and also school events. We will be continuing to greet the children each morning from the entrance of the school, please continue to allow your children to be as independent as possible when joining the line each morning as they did brilliantly back in term 2. Please be advised that our guidance is that only **one parent/carer** should be allowed on site to collect their child and a face covering must be worn. The one way system will still be in place.

Staying active: This term P.E. will take place on a Monday afternoon and we will be doing a outdoor learning session each Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate PE kit each Monday and Wednesday. On Wednesdays please ensure your children are wearing appropriate footwear that you do not mind getting muddy! We will also take part in daily mindfulness sessions such as class yoga and fine motor development sessions including dough disco and squeezey cheesy disco to build the strength in our hands in preparation for writing.



Outdoor Learning: We continue to encourage the children to explore the outdoor classroom and outdoor surroundings on a daily basis. Please ensure that children come to school in a warm coat and if you would like your child to have wellies/overalls send them in whenever possible, these can be kept in the classroom if you would like.

In school reading and changing books: Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading diary into school everyday. This is important to ensure that they have the resources with them for an adult to read with them within the school week. We will be changing books each **Friday**. Please could you remind your child to put their bookbag or reading folder in the reading boxes each morning (we will also remind the children each morning when putting their belongings away) this will ensure every child's book is changed and nobody misses out!

*The reading boxes are just a pink and a blue box we keep all reading folders/bags in to save space by the children's pegs as it can be a squeeze!

Tapestry: Tapestry is a fantastic way for you to see what your child has been learning or choosing in school. It is also a fantastic way for Miss Daly, Mr Buckley and I to see the fantastic learning or family activities you have been doing at home. Please continue to share your own observations on Tapestry as we love to see them and the children really enjoy sharing what they have been doing at home with us!

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NELI: NELI is an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19. Our school is being offered access to a programme called Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). The programme is designed for Reception pupils and involves providing targeted small group and one-to-one support for children who would benefit from additional support with their language and early literacy skills.

The programme initially involves using a tablet-based assessment called LanguageScreen with all our Reception pupils to help us understand who may benefit most from receiving NELI. LanguageScreen is a short (approx. 10 minutes) and fun activity for children and will give us useful information about children's language skills.

A letter all about NELI was sent out on the week beginning 22nd February with a deadline of letting us know if you do not wish for your child to be assessed by Friday 5th March 2021. If you would like to withdraw please contact Myself or Miss Daly as soon as possible.

Proud clouds: Our proud cloud was full up at the end of term two because all of the wonderful things your children have done to make you proud. We will be sending home three more proud clouds for you to send in this term. The children have really enjoyed sharing these each morning with the class!

Home tasks: Please continue to read daily with your child and please record this in your child's white reading diary. We ask that you read **at least three times per week** with your child. Before reading your child's reading book it is also recommended that you practise saying each sound in your child's yellow sound book and practising any sounds they are finding tricky! It is also important to ask your child questions about their book and what they have read – some examples are below for your information:

		
Story Books		
BEFORE	DURING	AFTER
What do you think this book will be about?	What do you think will happen next?	Tell me what happened in our story
What gave you that idea?	How do you think they feel?	What did you like about the story?
What's going to happen today?	How would you feel?	What surprised you?
What can you see on the cover? Tell me about it...	Why has that happened?	What do you think might happen if the story was longer?
What does this remind you of? Have you ever..?	What would you have done?	Who else would like this book? Why?
Information Books		
BEFORE	DURING	AFTER
What's this book all about?	What have we found out about...on this page?	Tell me what we've found out about...
What do you think we will find out?	Can you spot the facts	What did you like best about?
Tell me about the front cover...	What do you think about...?	Which fact shall we share with...?

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General housekeeping: Please ensure that you label your child's clothing. Hair that is over collar length must be tied up at all times - it is useful to put some extra hairbands in their bag.

Contact with us: Due to Covid-19 and social distancing we are asking that you send messages via email to the office. You can also ring the school office to request a phone call from Miss Cox if needed.

Many thanks,



Miss Cox and Miss Daly

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