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Reception Newsletter **18th September 2023**

Dear Saxon families,
We enjoyed welcoming the children to school last week and we are so proud of how they have all settled in.

Communication:

Our Reception newsletter will come out to you every week as an email. The newsletter will inform you of any **Reception-specific** forthcoming dates, tell you what we are learning and may have details of related home learning activities. Please remember to look at the **online school diary**, which is updated regularly with important dates for you and your children. General information about the whole school will be in the Main newsletter.

In Reception we use paper slips to record your child's learning. You will be able to read the comments on the slips in your child's learning folder during parent consultation meetings. We may also take photo to accompany the written observation.

Learning:

- **Our topic for this term is 'All About Me'**

Our topics are highly influenced by the children's interests therefore activities may change from those planned.

Next week in Reception, we will be introducing the following as part of our focused learning:

Communication, Language & Literacy:

- Focusing on the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury
- We are going to look at the following five key concepts about print: print has a meaning, print can have different purposes, we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom, the names of the different parts of a book and page sequencing.
- Children will draw pictures and give meaning to the marks they make.

Maths:

- 1:1 correspondence (counting the correct number of objects).
- Understanding that numbers identify how many objects are in a set.
- Positional language e.g. in front of, behind etc.

If you would like any further information on Maths at Saxon, please refer to the Saxon Maths website:
<https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/>



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Other Areas of Learning:

- UW (Understanding the World) – we will talk about ourselves, members of immediate family and community.
- PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)- “Being Me in My World” – teaching the children to help others feel welcome.
- EAD (Expressive arts and design) - make simple models which express their ideas e.g. paper plate bear masks, sensory collage pictures etc.
- PD (Physical development)- This term we are focusing on Body Management – we will be moving through hoops using a variety of movements, working with our friends and following pathways with hoops.

Notices/Reminders:

- You should have received a letter with your child’s details along with a Link Code from the School Office asking to register with SCOPay/Tucasi. Please ensure you register ASAP if you haven’t already done so as you will need this account to be able to book Parents Evening which will be taking place soon.
- All children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school daily. Bottles brought in from home must only contain water.
- We always welcome donations of small world toys, (animals, characters, etc.) role-play items (play food, dressing up, etc.), puzzles, board games, small parts (conkers, pebbles, mini padlocks etc.)and construction materials to build our resources. If you are able to help us with this, please bring the items to school with your child.
- Junk modelling forms part of our daily provision. We would appreciate your donations of plastic bottles, lids, cardboard boxes etc. No nut product packaging please.
- Our PE day is on Friday and children will need to wear their PE kit to school that day.
- Please ensure that all children are provided with a spare change of underpants, socks or tights in a named carrier bag. Please ensure that all of your child’s items of clothing are clearly labelled.

The Reception Curriculum Information meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th September at 3:15pm and 6:00pm.

Kind Regards,

Reception Team

Mrs Bright, Miss Glaves and Mrs Morley