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Dear Reception Families,

Firstly, we would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for a fantastic first week at school! We are so proud of how well they are settling into school life. Thank you to all of you at home too, for your support with getting the children ready. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Reception children can walk through the gates alone between 8:30 and 8:40am. If you wish to accompany them, you will be let through once the rest of the school children have come through at 8:40am. It is only Nursery family members who are permitted to come through the gates with their child.

Every Monday, you will receive our Reception newsletter via email from the school office. Our newsletter details our learning for the week, suggestions for how you can support your child with their learning at home, reminders and messages.

Reading at home

On Friday, each child will take home a reading with a 'wordless book' to help them begin their reading journey!

On the Little Wandle website there are ideas for supporting your child with reading, including a video about how to use wordless books at home.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome>

There is lots of other information about phonics here for parents, including the order of the different sounds, how to say them and how we teach them in school.

Please share the book with your child and write in their green reading record to say you have, thank you. Please return your child's reading wallet every **Wednesday** ready for sending out new ones every **Friday**.

Learning

It seems that many of the children can already recognise their own name when they see it written, which is fantastic.

When writing their name, we encourage all children to use a capital letter at the beginning **only**. They can practice writing their name anywhere; it does not always have to be on paper! Try writing in soap on the side of the bath, steamed up windows, in a tray of sand or chalk on the ground.

Our theme for this term is 'All About Me'

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

Communication, language and literacy

This week, we will read the story 'Super Duper You' by Sophy Henn.

The children will talk about themselves, what they are good at and what and who is important to them. They will draw pictures of this and talk to an adult about what they have drawn. They will also draw a self portrait, thinking carefully about their facial features.

Phonics

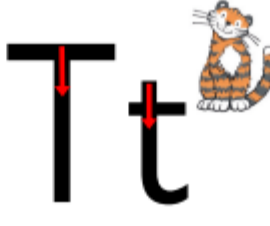
This week, we will begin teaching phonics. We will learn how to say and form the sounds below.

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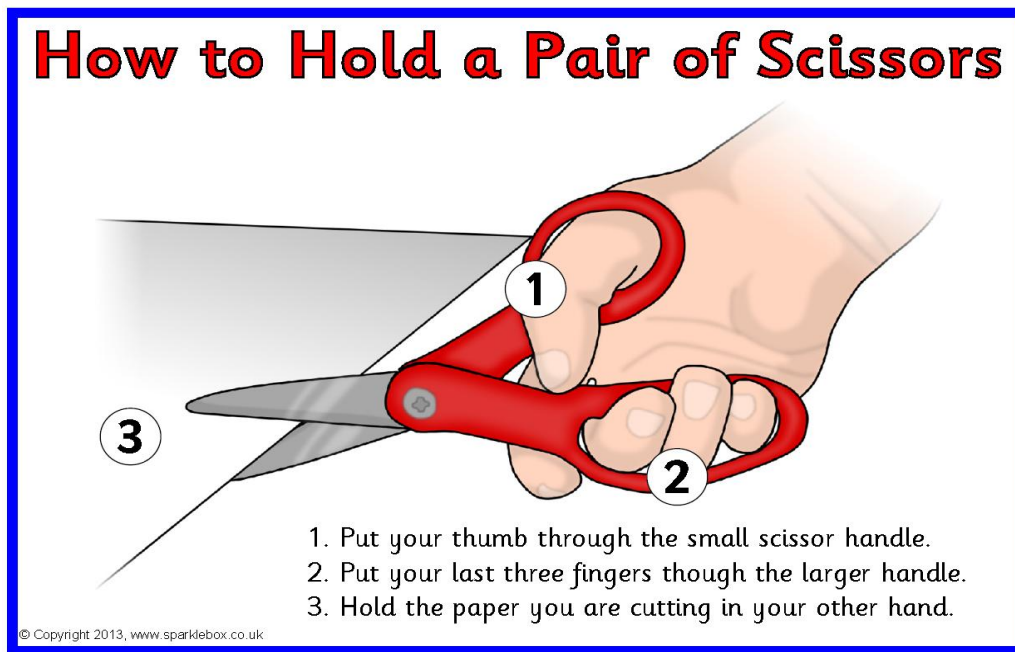
			
Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.	Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.

Maths

This week, we will focus on **1:1 correspondance counting** (counting accurately by matching one number word to one object). We call this 'careful counting'. We will also focus on **subitising** (instantly recognising small quantities without counting). Both are foundational skills assessed early in Reception and underpin later addition, subtraction, and number composition.

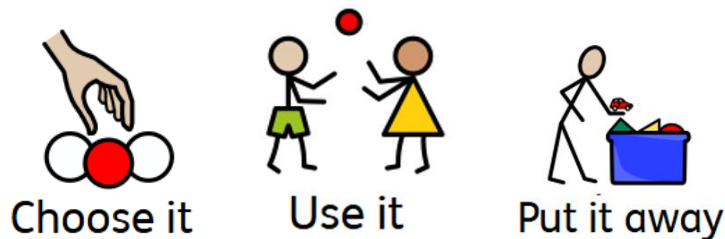
Physical development

We will practice moving in different ways e.g. skipping, hopping and jumping. We will practice using scissors. Please see below for how to hold scissors:



Personal, social and emotional development:

This week, we will continue to support the children to get to know each other, the Reception team and to explore the environment. We encourage the children to work together as a team to keep our environment tidy, we use the phrase:



Lots of positive praise and stickers are given when children impress us by doing this!

Notices and reminders:

- Please can we ask that all children have a Saxon book bag and not a back pack, thank you.
- Please ensure that all coats, jumpers, cardigans and water bottles are labelled.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact your child's class teacher. You can contact teachers through the school info email address or at pick-up time (though please be warned this is a busy time and so you may need to wait a few minutes). If you have an urgent message, please give it to the member of staff on the gate in the morning.

-PE

Reception will have their PE lesson every **Friday**. On this day, the children will come to school in their PE kits not their usual school uniform. Our first PE lesson will be this **Friday 18th September**.

-Snacks

Everyday, there is free fruit or vegetables available for the children to have during the morning. We are happy for you to send a snack in for your child but please ensure it is one of the snacks from the list below. Please ensure grapes, cherry tomatoes and olives are sliced into halves or ideally quarters.

- Fresh fruit
- Fresh vegetables
- Dried fruit
- Plain rice cakes
- Bread sticks
- Yoghurt tube
- Plain crackers
- Pitta bread or wraps (with no filling)
- Crackers
- A handful of sugar-free cereal

Kind regards,

Mrs Duxon, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Morley