Dear Parents/ Carers of Reception Children,

The children have settled into school amazingly and are quickly making new friends and getting used to the routines. We have enjoyed spending time getting to know the children in their smaller groups. Here are a few things we would like to let you know about.

**Our topic this term – Here We Are**

This half term we will focus on settling the children in. The children will be learning about themselves, their friends, their class and their school. The children will bring a home learning book home soon. For each new topic, there will be a knowledge organiser inside for children to explore new vocabulary. There will also be Phonics sounds to practise each week.

**Outdoor curriculum-**

The outdoor area is an important part of our classroom and as such, the children will be using it for their learning in all weathers. Please ensure that they come to school dressed appropriately for any weather. It would be useful to always have a waterproof coat and wellies in school.

**P.E and Swimming-** On Tuesday mornings, half of the class will be swimming and the other half will do P.E. On Thursday morning, the whole class will be in P.E. Please can all children have a labelled P.E kit in school on their peg. We will write to you again soon with further details about when your child will be swimming and what they need to bring in.

**Phonics-**

Next week, we will begin daily Phonics lessons. This is the way that we teach young children to read. Your child will begin to receive a reading book and a sharing book every Friday. The sharing book is one that they have chosen to take home. The reading book is a book that is at their reading level for them to read themselves. They will have read this book already at school during the week. Each child will begin to receive reading books to take home when we feel that they are confidently able to read some words. Please ensure your child has their bookbag in school every day. Look out for more details about a Phonics Workshop to help you to support your child with reading at home.

**Tapestry**

You will soon receive log in details for Tapestry, our online learning journal. We will share lots of photographs and observations of your child’s learning here. You can also use this to share photos of home learning with us.

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions, we are available before or after school. Please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Goode