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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! We are delighted to have the children in class and very much hope that you and your child are beginning to settle well into the new school and our routines. To ensure things run effectively this year I hope the following information is useful and will give you a better picture of how you can help your child to make the most of their time in Cygnet Class.

We have started this term by basing our work around the text "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers. This will be followed by our topic on 'All about me'. This theme will filter through many of our lessons as part of a creative curriculum devised to capture the children's imagination and to inspire their learning.

This term we will be learning to...

English

- recognise and recall phase 2 sounds
- use our sounds to help with our reading
- begin to form letters in cursive
- recognise and write our own name

Maths

- sing number and counting songs
- counting in order
- recognise and order numbers 1-20
- recognise 2D shapes
- order objects by height, weight and length
- recognise 1 more and 1 less
- write numbers correctly
- create a repeated pattern

Communication and language

- listen whilst sitting on the carpet
- listen to stories and respond with relevant comments, questions or actions
- follow instructions involving several ideas or actions
- join in with circle games for getting to know each other
- listen to and share ideas with our talk partners

Personal, social and emotional development

- explore new classroom and outdoor area safely
- get to know each other and teachers
- create and follow class rules
- take turns and share toys
- try new activities
- talk about our feelings

Understanding the world

- confidently navigate a programme on the iPads
- describe similarities and differences between ourselves and others
- know the signs of autumn
- talk about the world around us
- know the 5 senses – smell, touch, taste, sight and hear

Expressive art and design

join in with singing new songs
create a funny bones picture
paint a self portrait
drawing a family
use role play to explore different places and people
use media and materials confidently and for a purpose

Physical development

use our bodies to move in interesting ways
hold our pencil properly when writing
dress and go to the toilet independently
show good control and coordination in large and small movements

RE

listen and share a simple bible story
talk about what makes us special?
know about harvest festival and why we celebrate it
know about naming ceremonies and christenings

Reading

Your support with daily reading and the discussion of texts at home really helps your children to progress in this specific area of the curriculum. Having read with your child, please make a brief, positive comment in the reading diary.

Homework

Alongside daily reading, Reception children will be set additional homework activities each Friday, usually including a phonics activity which consolidates work covered in groups during the week. A short maths activity which supports the work covered in class will usually be set too. We will be teaching the children to form their letters cursively in order to help them to achieve joined-up handwriting early in their writing.

P.E.

We will have our P.E. lessons on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon this term. On these days, please send your child to school wearing their kit. The school website has details of both indoor and outdoor kit. It would be most helpful if you could ensure that all items, clothing and otherwise, are clearly named. Please ensure that your child always has a named water bottle in school too.

If you wish to talk to me at any time about specific matters, please contact me through the office.

Thank you for your support.

Anne Brown