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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Rainbow Class. Please see the information below to find out about our first exciting term in Reception.

We have lots of wonderful adults who will be working in Rainbow Class to support your child's development. I am the Teacher and will be teaching the class every day, apart from a Monday afternoon. When I am not teaching on a Monday afternoon, Mrs Smith will be the Teacher. Mrs Mason and Mrs Weaver are both experienced Teaching Assistants, who will be with the class throughout the week.

Our theme this term is '**Let's Explore**'. This term focuses on the children exploring the school and its surroundings. They will visit the key areas of the school, learn about what happens in the areas and gain confidence in being in those areas. Alongside this they will explore the school rules and learn about the school value of being 'thoughtful'.

Please see below some more information about what your child will be learning. I hope you will find this information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning throughout the term.

Communication and Language: *The development of children's spoken language underpins all areas of learning and development. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial.*

The children will build confidence to talk to their new peers and adults within the classroom. They will be given plenty of opportunities and support to communicate with their new friends during play and learning based activities. Alongside this they will be learning new vocabulary through sharing books, singing songs and holding discussions based around our theme.

Personal Social and Emotional Development: *Children's personal, social and emotional development (PSED) is crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives, and is fundamental to their cognitive development.*

The children will settle into school life. They will work on building a relationship with adults in the classroom, alongside making new friendships with their peers. This will be achieved through spending quality time with each-other and playing alongside others. The children will also learn the rules to follow when they are at school.

Physical Development: *Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being. Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination, which is later linked to early literacy.*

The children will be developing the fine-motor control skills needed to hold a pencil and form letters accurately. Alongside this they will continue to strengthen their gross motor skills by using the trikes, balance bikes and the trim-trail. They will also take part in PE lessons and participating in Forest School.





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Literacy: *It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading. Reading consists of two dimensions: language comprehension and word reading. Writing involves transcription (spelling and handwriting) and composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech, before writing).*

The children will learn how to read and write the initial sounds. Alongside this they will learn how to write their own name.

Mathematics: *Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically. In addition, it is important for children to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures.*

The children will learn numbers and numerical patterns to 5. Alongside this they will learn about patterns and length.

Understanding the World: *Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community.*

The children will learn the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important. They will look at simple maps and explore the natural world during weekly visits to the Forest School Area. Alongside this, they will learn about the Harvest Festival and Diwali.

Expressive Arts and Design: *The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity.*

The children will be learning about the Creative Area, where they will be doing lots of making and doing. They will also learn how to be imaginative in the Role Play Area and Small World Area, where they can develop their storylines in their pretend play. Alongside this, the children will be doing lots of singing and dancing.

I will put things on Tapestry regularly, including important messages, so please check your Tapestry account daily.

We are looking forward to a busy term of getting to know your children and starting their learning here with us at Bussage CE Primary School.

Many thanks,

Mrs Bennett, Mrs Mason, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Smith

