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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the Reception children coming into class together and beginning to get used to the expectations and routines of school.

During the children's first few weeks, they will be exploring the environment and getting to know the teachers and their peers.

This week we will be starting the 'Reception Baseline Assessment'. All schools are required to carry out the assessment within the first 6 weeks of pupils starting Reception.

This is an activity-based assessment of pupils' starting points in:

- language, communication, and literacy
- mathematics

It involves a series of short practical activities that the children complete one to one with a teacher and the results are recorded on a laptop. It will not be used to label or track individual pupils. No numerical score will be shared, and the data will only be used at the end of Year 6 to form the school-level progress measure. However, teachers will receive a series of short, narrative statements that tell them how their pupils performed in the assessment. These can be used to inform teaching within the first term.

Please click on the link below for further information:

[Information for parents: reception baseline assessment](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Miss A Stephens
Early Years Lead