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RECEPTION NEWS

Welcome to the Reception Class! The children appeared to enjoy their taster sessions and it was great for us to meet our new class. We are looking forward to having the whole class together on Monday.

This half term we will be working hard to settle into Reception by thinking about our own class rules and making new friends. We will also be thinking about our needs and feelings.

Proud Cloud

We would like to introduce our class 'Proud Cloud'. Parents or other family members can write on a cloud each time they are proud of something their child has done. You may wish to include a photograph or your child may like to draw a picture to show what they have achieved. This cloud can then be uploaded onto seesaw or sent in with your child in their book bag. We will then share these in class and display on our proud cloud wall. We will upload a printable copy on seesaw so you can complete the proud clouds as and when you like (aim for one each half term if possible). We will send a physical copy home each half term too.

Our topic for this half term is loosely based on "Ourselves". We also intend to follow the children's interests.

Reading Books

On Friday we will send out a core reader book. The intention of these are to encourage reading for pleasure. The aim is for you to share these stories with your child. The books will be changed weekly and we ask that you return them on the following Thursday.

Dough Disco

Next week we will be engaging in daily dough disco sessions. This is exercise for the fingers to improve fine motor control and gross motor skills. It helps to develop our gross motor skills as we are using the dough as a weight, so lots of lifting with straight arms, and round and round with extended arms. Fine motor control is developed through pinching, poking, rolling and squeezing. If you would like to see an example of "Dough Disco" please search for Shonette Bason-Wood on google.



Homework

This half term we will post a weekly learning activity on Seesaw. We would like you to upload a photograph/video using the child log in to seesaw and a little write up of your child engaged in the activity. The activities for this half term will be based around maths. We will start to introduce phonic activities once we have completed our baseline assessments.