



Dear Parents/Carers

We wanted to explain a little more about our teaching and learning in Reception. Much of our day is based upon a philosophy entitled 'Planning in the Moment'.

Planning in the moment is all about seizing the moment for children to progress. Based on what the children are already deeply involved in, this way of planning relies on quality interactions to draw out the children's knowledge and build on it there and then (in the moment). When children are playing and selecting what to do themselves they become deeply involved and engaged. Teachers then interact to teach the next step as appropriate for that child at that moment. This way the teachers gain a sound understanding of the child's knowledge, skills, attitude, understanding and progress.

This way of planning means that the learning environment (both the indoor environment and outdoor environment) constantly needs to be reviewed and adapted to ensure that the children's level of involvement and thinking is of a deep level. The resources in each area also need to be plentiful and engaging.

Phonics and Maths are still taught daily using weekly plans.

The most important early reading skills begin with children being able to tell a story using pictures and therefore we will start to send home wordless reading books after half term (more information to follow).

Once every half term we will send home a questionnaire for you to fill in about your child's interests and learning at home. We will then meet to discuss your child's progress both at school and at home. These meetings will take place at school just before drop-off. We will start this after the half-term holiday.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

Many thanks

The EYFS Team