

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Reception Baseline

We are so happy that your children have settled well into school and thank you for your support so far with their transition.

I am writing to inform you about The Reception Baseline Assessment which is a statutory assessment that all schools must carry out. This assessment is nothing to worry about – it isn't a test – the children will just do a few short, practical and fun activities and be asked a few questions which will provide us with a snapshot of their starting point on entry to school.

The assessments include:

### Mathematics Tasks

Early number, Early calculation (early addition/subtraction), Mathematical language and Early understanding of shape.

### Early Literacy, Communication and Language Tasks

Early vocabulary, Phonological awareness, Early reading **and** Early comprehension.

The above helps us measure the children's progress between reception and the end of primary school but more importantly will contribute to the ongoing assessments that staff complete on a daily and weekly basis in order to plan next steps for the children's learning. From these starting points, we then work on achieving the Early Learning Goals by the end of the year.

I will be administering the test with all the children this week as it is to be completed with all the children within the first 6 weeks of them starting school.

Please have a look at this link for more information and a video clip.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/reception-baseline-assessment-tests-explained-for-parents>

Regards

Miss Weston