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Teacher: Huw

Class: RH

We will be learning about **Ourselves** and **Transport** in the **Early Years Foundation Stage**. Children learn best when stimulated by real life experiences. There are several **key skills** we will be developing this half term in **Reception**. These include settling into a new environment, making new relationships and becoming increasingly independent when moving around the new setting. We encourage the children to understand and ask questions about what they are doing and what they see happening. We want children to learn to think independently and explore 'why' they think things happen. Our **Language Enrichment** focus will help to extend your child's vocabulary. Supported talk sessions will also help with connecting ideas, explaining what is happening, reliving experiences and being able to anticipate what might happen next. **Outdoor learning** helps to enhance these experiences. We will be taking the children out as often as possible to explore the local environment in all weathers. Please ensure your child is clothed appropriately for the weather each day, with a warm waterproof jacket, suitable shoes and wellington boots if raining.

### **Communication and Language**

**We are learning to:** Listen to and follow instructions. We learn to focus our attention and increase our stamina for concentrating by listening to stories and playing games. We will be building our confidence in interacting with new adults and children in Reception and developing our skills at negotiating. Through talking about stories and shared experiences, we will strengthen our ability to recall key events and information.

**You can help your child at home by:** Talking to your child about their day and what they have done at school. Encourage them to retell events and stories in sequence, using prompts like, "What happened

### **Physical Development**

**We are learning to:** Hold a pencil correctly using our dominant hand and use writing patterns to start to form lowercase letters of the alphabet in the correct sequence. We will be starting PE lessons and will be learning to move confidently and safely around different spaces in a variety of ways and using a range of parts of our body. We will be continuing to learn to fasten coats and shoes and change our clothes for PE independently.

**You can help at home by:** Helping your child to write their name using the correct mix of capital and lowercase letters. Taking your child to the playground to develop their skills at using a range of climbing and physical equipment. Teaching your child to do their zip or buttons and encouraging them to dress and undress themselves.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

**We are learning to:** Use a secure adult to explore the environment with, gradually gaining independence. Your child will be building relationships with the Reception team which will support a smooth transition from home or Nursery to Reception. We will be talking about ourselves and getting to know our friends by discussing our likes and dislikes. We will be developing friendships with a range of children both from our Nursery and other settings, and learning to share resources and follow the school rules to create a positive learning atmosphere.

**You can help at home by:** Talking about what happens in school each day. Talk about your child's abilities and unique qualities. Give them the opportunity to make choices and talk about why they have a preference. Ask your child to explain "Stay on Green" to you and discuss what positive behaviour choices look like.

### **The specific areas:**

**In Literacy we are learning to:** Recognise, pronounce and write letter sounds in Phonics sessions and become familiar with high-frequency words such as **I** and **the**. Read a range of books and talk about their features, such as characters and setting.

**You can help your child at home by:** Reading as frequently as possible with your child, discussing the story's key events and encouraging them to recount what has happened.

**In Mathematics we are learning to:** Count to 20 and beyond. Can they understand all of the different ways of making 10? Can they match numerals to the correct number of objects. Identify whether one group of objects has more or fewer than another.

**You can help your child at home by:** Counting objects you see at home and in the local environment. Seeing if your child can identify numbers they see around them, such as door numbers and car number plates.

**In Understanding the World we are learning to:** Understand how to keep healthy and make healthy choices. We will be learning about our similarities and differences. We will be learning about forces during our Transport topic in Autumn 2. We will be learning about AUTUMN and the seasons.

**You can help your child at home by:** Shop for healthy food together. Understand why it is important to brush our teeth. Try different fruits and vegetables. Play with vehicles. Go for Autumn walks and talk about what you discover together.

**In Expressive Arts and Design we are learning to:** Use representation to communicate by drawing and painting self portraits . We will be learning songs and engaging in lots of dressing up and role play.

**You can help your child at home by:** Using dolls or small toys to represent characters in a show. Make a 'set' with scenery or a painted background. You could use a shoebox for a 'stage'.

### **Physical Education**

Our PE day is **Friday in RH Class** Your child requires their PE kit, comfortable black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings, plimsolls or trainers and a Gayhurst WHITE PE t-shirt (no buttons). We will begin to change for PE after half term or when your child is ready. You can leave your child's labelled PE kit in a labelled bag in the classroom and collect at half term.

### **A message from your child's teacher:**

Welcome to RH! I am looking forward to finding out all about you! We have so many exciting learning experiences ready for your first term in school. All aboard, the journey is about to begin! Please arrive on time every day for a smooth and happy start to the day. Please remember to dress your child for the weather, as a large part of our curriculum includes outdoor learning. It is helpful to label all of your children's clothes. Labelled spare clothes are a good idea to leave in school in case of toileting accidents. If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me, please come and find me to arrange a meeting.

### **Book Bags**

All children have a plastic zip book bag which will be changed on **Fridays**. Please return the books in good condition as we are teaching children how to treat books respectfully. Your child will have two books. They are to be looked at and read by an adult. As the children progress they will take home a suitably levelled book in addition.

### **Learning Together!**

In partnership with you and the school, please share your ideas, views and your child's interests at home with us. You can do this by sharing your ideas with the class teacher or filling in the box below and handing it in to a member of the Reception team.

### **We Value your Contributions!**

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