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Topic Focus	'New Beginnings' and 'Let's Celebrate'
Area of Learning	Main Learning Focus
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following simple instructions. Talking with adults and other children. Taking turns when talking. Listening and responding to others. Talking about story events and relating these to own experiences
Literacy (Reading and Writing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying rhyming words in rhymes, songs and stories. Confidently recording ideas with pictures and mark-making. Saying the sound a word starts with. Listening for other sounds in words e.g. d-o-g. Recognising words and letters. To write own name using the correct letter formation.
Mathematical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saying number names forwards and backwards to 10. Begin to recognise numbers to 10. Counting objects accurately. Comparing quantities in terms of more and fewer. Language of time – yesterday, today and tomorrow. Using positional language e.g. in front, beside and behind. Recognising 2d and use them effectively to make pictures and models.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using scissors safely and with the correct cutting action. Holding a pencil with a comfortable and efficient grip. To begin to form lower case letters correctly. Dressing and undressing independently. Travelling in different ways and directions with awareness of others and obstacles. Jumping and landing safely.
Personal Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New routines and class rules. Making new friends. Looking after own belongings and school equipment. Learning where things are and selecting resources independently e.g. putting on aprons before painting. Leaving mum, dad or carer confidently in the morning.
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becoming familiar with the school environment. Finding out about people who work in our school. Talking about families. Celebrations. Observing seasonal change – Autumn. Using simple technology. Observing similarities and differences.
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singing songs, action rhymes and dancing. Introduction to percussion instruments. Colour mixing with powder paint. Rolling and moulding play dough. Observation of patterns in the environment and creating patterns using paint and other media e.g. collage or printing. Joining construction toys to make things e.g. large wooden blocks, Lego and K'nex.
Characteristics of Effective Learning linked to 6 R's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibility- using the equipment appropriately, putting belongings and toys we have used away. Reciprocity- playing and working together and helping each other. Resilience- showing a 'can do' attitude and to keep on trying.

Hello, and welcome to Reception! Here is some information to help ease you in to school life, as well as some dates for your diary.

***LABELLING**

Thank you for all the labelling you have done – **please check all uniform and bags are clearly marked with names** as we have a better chance of finding and returning it should it become lost. If your child brings a lunch box at any time, please label on the outside as it really helps at lunch times and home times.

Zoom Calls

It was really great to meet you all during the zoom calls. We certainly found them extremely useful in getting to know our families and finding out about the children. We do hope that you found them useful too.

Drop Off

The children have all made a really good start and have been coming into classrooms really happily and independently each day. This has made the start of our days really calm and has meant that busy learning sessions have got going promptly. Thank you so much for your support and cooperation with social distancing etc. Please do remember that if you have had to leave your child upset at the start of the day we are very happy either for you to telephone a short while later to ensure they have settled or to give you a quick call to let you know they are ok.

***SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

Thank you for all the wellies sent in so far. If your child hasn't yet got wellies in school please send in **NAMED** wellies as soon as possible, so they can play in the reception garden through the Autumn/Winter without getting too muddy!

Please ensure that book bags are in school as soon as possible as they will need them very soon.

***Reading and Phonics Information**

On **Friday 2nd October** we will be posting a Phonics and Reading power point presentation on the school website. This presentation will explain in detail how phonics and reading are taught at Brampton and how you can best support your child's early reading at home. We will also be emailing out some additional handouts which you may find useful.

*** TOPICS FOR THIS TERM**

Once our initial assessments of the children are finished our topic will be '**New Beginnings**' and '**Let's Celebrate**' for this term.

***WELL DONE BOARD**

Reception children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, and parent contributions are valued. One way we have found that helps to support communication between home and school, as well as celebrate your child's achievements, is by having **WELL DONE CERTIFICATES** – you will find two blank certificates in your child's book bag.

On the certificate we would like you to write down, along with their name, something you feel they have made really good progress in. Here are some ideas:

Getting themselves dressed/putting shoes on the right feet every day!

Washing, or brushing teeth independently.

Remembering to say please and thank you.

Learning how to fasten up their coat.

Helping to cook or helping with the shopping.

Taking turns well when playing a game.

Tidying up their bedrooms!

Swimming without arm bands for the first time/riding without stabilisers.

You can then bring it in for your child to share with the teacher and the class. It will then be displayed. This is an on-going project, and as such would ask that you could fill out **one** certificate at some point in this half term – we will then start a new board for the next half term.

***PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS**

These will take place via zoom on **Tuesday 20th October 3.30-7.00pm** and **Wednesday 21st October 3.30-6.00pm**. Look out for more information about our electronic signing in system.

PPA

Teaching staff will have their regular Planning, Preparation Assessment time on a Wednesday morning. Mrs Cooper, Mrs Cole and Mr Steward will be teaching the children at this time. On Wednesday afternoons Mrs Scott will be teaching in Reception Willow.

Forest School

After half term we will begin our Forest Friday sessions. More information to follow soon.....

We look forward to working alongside you this year. Please come and see us if you have any queries – you can catch us at the end of the school day, but please do talk to us at the beginning of the day if urgent.

Mrs Dris, Mrs Di Ioia, Mrs Scott and Mrs Eason