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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Eden Class – EYES!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all and we hope that the children have enjoyed their first week in school. Hopefully you are signed up to Tapestry and have seen photos of the classroom as well as our weekly update and reminders.

Eden teaching staff

Mrs Hayes is the class teacher. Mrs Wade is the class teaching assistant Monday-Wednesday. The class will be covered by Mrs Williams on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Tapestry:

We use Tapestry to capture your child's learning. As well as this, we will be using it to keep you up to date with important messages in school. Please make sure your account is active (you should have all received an activation link via email) and download the app to keep up to date with class messages. Please note that Class Dojo is only used for this function in years 2-6 and not our class. It would be lovely to see some of the things that your child has been doing at home and out and about. This can be easily added to your child's account as an observation. I know that children love sharing these with their class.



Curriculum:

Our learning will be based around bears and the story of 'The Everywhere Bear' by Julia Donaldson. We will also be looking at some of the occupations featured in the story. Most importantly, we will be ensuring that the children are settled and able to access the classroom resources independently. We will be using the Read, Write, Inc programme for the introduction of phonics to our reception class children. Please refer to the curriculum overview sheet for more details about what we will be covering.

PE

Our class will have PE on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. On these days, children can wear their PE kit to school for the day. This will save having to bring in more items to school from home. We would recommend wearing normal school shoes to school and bringing trainers/plimsolls to change into. Please note the appropriate uniform (PE kit) below:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather



- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with biro).

Outdoor Learning

Our class will take our learning outside each **Tuesday** afternoon. We will be using the variety of outdoor spaces on our school site to support our learning in all areas of the curriculum. On Tuesdays, please make sure that your child has their coat in school as well as a change of suitable footwear. This change of footwear is likely to get wet and and/or muddy and therefore wellies would be the most suitable option. Please make sure they are labelled with your child's name.

Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home **at least 5 times per week**. Initially the children will receive a book without any words. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures and invent their own story. These books will be changed on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. In school, your child will have group reading activities during daily Read Write Inc. sessions. Once your child is able to read simple words independently they will receive a Read, Write Inc. book. These books will be changed during these sessions which will either be every 3 or 5 days depending on the book band they are on. They will also have a library book which they can read for pleasure and record in their reading records too. These will be changed on a **Friday**.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school because this is the only day that they will be checked for points towards the reading reward scheme.

Homework:

In addition to reading five times a week, Tapestry will be used to upload the sounds/words that we have been learning that week.

Age-Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder, we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend **no more than 2 hours** a day in front of a screen (TV/PC/Laptop/Tablet/Smart Phone etc.).

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Eden class. Please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. The morning is a very busy time for us. If you have any urgent matters that need addressing, you can leave a message with the member of staff on the door. If you need to discuss something with us in person, please speak to the staff in the school office who will contact us.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hayes and Mrs Wade

Eden Class team

