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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of the baseline assessments that have been carried out over the last few weeks in Reception.

The Reception Baseline Assessment is a statutory assessment that came into place in schools in September 2021. It is an activity-based assessment which is required to be completed within the first six weeks of any child starting in a reception setting. It looks at the children's starting points in the areas of language, communication, literacy and mathematics through short, task-based activities that use practical resources which the children are familiar with. The assessments focus on being able to understand and show the progress that has been made for each child from their starting point in reception until the end of key stage two.

From the assessment, we as a school, receive a series of short statements that help us to understand your child's starting points. In addition to the statutory assessments, we have also carried out our own Burford informal baseline which continues to inform our understanding of your child's learning journey.

If you would like to find out any additional information, please visit the following website:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66d18cdcd107658faec7e3d1/2024_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

Thank you for your continued support

Many thanks,

Mrs Hyatt

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