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Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that all of our children have begun to settle in, we would like to say a huge welcome to Heaton Park to all of our new families that have joined our school community and welcome back to our existing members. We are so pleased that you have chosen our school to begin your child's school journey.

Attached is some information about what your child will be learning this half term.

## Tooth Brushing

Your child will be taking part in a local tooth-brushing scheme. The NHS will provide all toothbrushes and toothpaste for use in school. Please complete the permission slip and return to school if you have not already done so. If a spare copy is needed, please ask your child's class teacher.

# Water Play

As you may be aware, lots of our children love to engage in our water play outdoors. This is such a valuable learning experience for them and so we do ask that you please provide a spare change of clothes in case your child's uniform does get wet. We do our best to get it dried before the end of the day but we can't always promise this and so a replacement change of clothes may need to be provided on a regular basis. Please label all clothes that your child wears/brings to school. If you can, please also provide a pair of wellies. If you do have a spare pair of waterproof trousers, please also send these into school.

# Pick Up Times

A reminder that the Reception session ends at 3.10pm. Please collect your child on time as any late collections may incur a charge.

# One-Way System

We do operate a one-way system around school. Please follow this to avoid congestion in the narrow areas of the school grounds. Once you have dropped off/collected your children from the Reception classrooms, please continue walking around the back of the school.

## Homework

Some fun homework activities have been set for your child and these are available on the Foundation Stage page of the website. Reading books will be given out next week. 2 books will be provided each week. Please return these each Monday with your child's reading diary. Please sign this and write any comments about how your child has got on with their reading at home. Please note that initially, the reading books that are sent home are predominantly for sharing and enjoying at home. Once your child begins to learn to read, reading books suited to their level will be sent home.

## School Fund and Fundraising

Please donate what you can into school fund. We suggest a donation of 50p a week if you are able to but we do appreciate anything that you can give. School fund helps to pay for all of the nice activities that we like to do with your children at school.

We will also be holding several fundraising events over the course of the year. These include Ice Lolly Fridays, cake sales, Easter competitions, Summer Fairs and more.

## PΕ

Children in RHT will have PE with Mr Knowles on Mondays and children in RM will have PE on Wednesdays. No PE kit is required but please do provide a pair of PE pumps if you haven't already done so.

We do hope that you and your children are settling well into Heaton Park and if there is anything that we can do to support you, please do get in touch.

Best Wishes.

Reception Team

### PSED/Well-being/citizenship

Settling in routine; rules; friendships; safety; circle times; Yoga; Independence, being kind; Celebrating Achievements/Wow moments; Antibullying week; Children in Need

Possible balance bike sessions

Planting Spring Flowers

Visits/Visitors

### UW

E- safety; introduction to use of lpads; Relevant apps/ topicbased activities; Seasons; Melting & freezing Autumn walk- school locality; small world play; Weekend & holiday news; Remembrance Day; Recall of recent expe

# Unit Plan EYFS

Term Autumn 1

Topic All About Me & Favourite Stories

## Local context

Bonfire Night discussions; Children will learn to look after property/tidying up etc.

#### Maths

Numbers 1-10; counting; clocks; money; 2D shapes

### Facts/Knowledge

Topic-based vocabulary; knowledge of different cultures/habitats/ seasons

### EA&D

Art- Self-portraits; Firework pics; Xmas cards/gifts; Diva lamps; Poppies; Calendars; Model-making

Drama- Role-play; home corner; Nativity; Outdoor stage; small world play Music- Singing; rhymes/rhythm; Nativity songs; exploring sounds/Moving to music; Xmas party; composing

### Physical Development

Outdoor climbing equipment; bikes/scooters; Intro to P.E.; Gross motor mark-making, safe use of scissors; personal hygiene; managing clothing, Dough Disco; Funky Fingers; Healthy Eating

### English

<u>Reading-</u> Supersonic Phonic Friends, Home reading books, shared reading, favourite stories, 3 a day books.

<u>Writing-</u> Morning work, Mark-making/writing areas, Handwriting practice; Dough disco; gross motor outdoor <u>mark-making</u>; Shared write; focused writing

<u>C&L-</u> Following instructions; Communicating needs; maintaining attention; listening to stories; talking to others; circle time.