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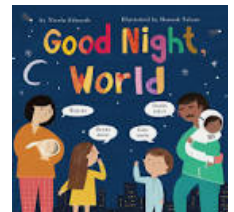
Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome to Reception. The children will spend their first week settling into their new environment and making the new and exciting transition from Nursery to Reception. Below we have outlined some key information to support you and your child over the coming weeks.

We would like to make you aware of our year group email, that can be used to contact class teachers receptionclass@st-josephs-infants.croydon.sch.uk. We are available in the mornings though encourage you to use the email address as this can be a busy and important time for settling the children into the classroom. If there is anything you would like to discuss please either call the office **020 8653 7195** or email the address above and we will be more than happy to arrange a time to meet with you.

Additionally, all class information is uploaded onto **Weduc**, trip letters and permission forms can be found here along with all whole school information. **Google classroom** will be used for us to share any information, ideas and activities for you to support your child's learning at home. Login information will be sent to you during the first week of school.

Our topic for this half term is **All About Me** and we will also take part in the whole school topic Our Heritage, with lots of opportunities for the children to share and celebrate themselves, their families and our community as we get to know one another. Our learning in all subjects is inspired by high quality story books. Each half term we will share a suggested reading list including the books that we will share together in class and others that you can share at home to support the children's learning and understanding of our topics.



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PE & Forest School Days

This term our reception class will have their PE lessons on a Wednesday and Forest School on Monday's. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on these days. Outdoor learning is an important part of our early years curriculum and we kindly ask that you provide your child with a pair of labeled wellington boots. If possible, we ask that these remain in school to ensure we are able to learn outside in all weathers.

Phonics

Over the term we will be helping children to develop their reading and writing skills by having a big focus on our daily phonics activities. Parent videos will be available on Google Classroom along with videos for your child to watch at home. We will soon be introducing your child to school reading books for you to share together at home. It is vital for your child's literacy development that you share these together and read as often as possible at home. Reading records will also be provided in order for you to record their reading experiences. More information on reading at home will be shared with you shortly.

We thank you for your continued support and recognise the important role you play in your child's learning journey. We encourage you to share any queries and concerns with us and look forward to sharing the beginning of your child's learning journey at St. Joseph's.

Thank you for your support,

The Reception Team

Mrs Tope - Early Years Lead & Class Teacher for RP

Miss Hayter - Class Teacher RH

Mrs Reid - Early Years Educator

Ms James & Mrs Pelliccia - Teaching Assistants

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