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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased to welcome you to Bishop King. Reception year is such an exciting one – you will watch your child grow up so much, and learn so many things over the coming months. In this letter, we explain some of the key areas of learning and how you can support us at home.

The Early Years Curriculum

In Reception, the children will learn a wide range of skills, which are broken down into different areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Our topics over the six terms are as follows:

Term 1: It's good to be me

Term 2: Celebrations

Term 3: People who help us

Term 4: The world around us

Term 5: Traditional Tales

Term 6: Minibeasts

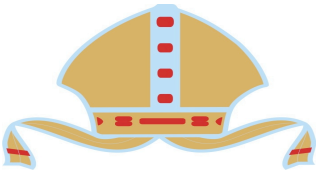
Tapestry

We record observations of your child playing and learning and save them to Tapestry. We also encourage you to upload your own observations from home onto the Tapestry app. This allows us to build up a more complete picture of your child's learning journey. Once you have provided your details to the school, you will have access to all of your child's Tapestry observations. If you need help setting up your Tapestry account, then please speak to your child's teacher.

PE

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE. A suitable PE kit will include: a white t-shirt, dark jogging trousers (or shorts in warm weather), trainers and their school jumper. RG class has PE every **Monday**
RMS class has PE every **Tuesday**





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Phonics

We will teach your child to read using phonics. Please see the sheet attached for more details about how your child will learn to read.



Around the apple and down the leaf.

Reading Books



We will send your child home with a book each week for you to share together. To begin with, this will be a library book for you to read to them. You can also talk about the pictures, guess what might happen next, and talk about the characters in the story.

Once your child starts to recognise some sounds, they will be sent home with a school reading book. As they become more confident, they will be able to begin to sound out and read some of the words to you. It is really important that your child practices reading at home with you.

Please read with your child **AT LEAST three times a week** and record this in their reading diary.

We have a competition running in class to see who reads at home the most.

Date	Book title and page number	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments
10/9	Tim's Din	Recognised sounds m, a, s, d.
11/9	"	Started to blend when I said sounds.
12/9	I am Pat	Found 'I' and 'the' in the story.

For more information please see the Early Years section of our website.
<https://www.bishopping.org.uk/Curriculum-Nursery.asp>

We look forward to getting to know your children over the course of the year. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or need any support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gibson, Mrs Mihajlovic and Ms Stanton
Reception Teachers