

Welcome to all of our children and families joining us in Ash class this year. It's been a week of new beginnings, nerves and excitement for all! During the next few weeks we will be focusing on settling the children into life at Luxulyan School; exploring our indoor and outdoor learning environments, getting used to new routines and finding out about each other.

We are beginning our first term with the topic 'All About Me', where we will be looking at how we have grown over the years, our families, where we live and what makes us unique. In Numeracy, we will begin the term by looking at counting and number recognition, before moving on to learning about 2D shapes and money. In Literacy, we will be sharing different traditional tales and gaining confidence with letter formation. We follow the Read, Write, Inc. phonics program, which develops reading and writing through the systematic learning of sounds from the English language. You will have noticed that the children have brought their first reading books home this week. At this stage, these books are to be read with or to your child, involving them in discussion about the story. Over the coming weeks we will be reading with your children frequently, which will enable us to find the appropriate starting book level for their current reading ability. If you have any questions about your child's reading then please don't hesitate to speak to one of us.

Please can we ask that all children have a spare change of clothes with them every day, as water, mud and paint are all part of the learning fun in Reception! We have wellies for children to wear outside when wet and muddy, although you are welcome to send in a named pair of wellies for your child's individual use if you prefer. Named waterproof jackets/trousers/all in ones are also welcomed in school should you wish to send them in. We will be starting physical education sessions from the week commencing 11th September. Can you please provide a full PE kit ready for this time, which you are happy for your child to keep in school. A PE kit includes a t shirt, shorts and sports footwear, in a separate labelled bag (ensuring that names are in all PE clothing).

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please pop in and speak to us,

Miss Illsley and Mrs Berry