

# Alverstone Infant School



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Dear Year R Parents and Carers

## Curriculum Information

In October we informed you that we have become an early adopter of the new Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

The EYFS is guided by a framework called 'Development Matters' that sets out the learning. You can find the detailed 'EYFS early adopter framework - Development Matters' document by clicking the link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/914443/Development\\_Matters\\_-\\_Non-statutory\\_curriculum\\_guidance\\_for\\_the\\_early\\_years\\_foundation\\_stage\\_1\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/914443/Development_Matters_-_Non-statutory_curriculum_guidance_for_the_early_years_foundation_stage_1_.pdf)

In the final term of this year, a profile will be completed for your child. This provides parents and carers, practitioners and teachers with a well-rounded picture of a child's knowledge, understanding and abilities, their attainment against expected levels, and their readiness for Year 1. Throughout their year in Reception, the children will be observed and assessed through their play in order to gain insights and make reasonable judgements against the early learning goals. We will use the terms 'emerging' or 'expected' to describe our judgements, under the new guidance the term 'exceeding' has been removed.

The reforms bring about some changes and if you have had a child who has been in reception in recent years, things may look a little different on Tapestry. Alongside this and our need to be Covid-safe, Tapestry is being used to inform parents and carers of our weekly learning in a "blog" form. Posts will include phonics, maths and other areas of learning alongside "why not try" activities. These blogs can be used to support learning at home and we would love you to try some and share what you have done through Tapestry. If you are having difficulties accessing these please let the Year R team know. Tapestry is part of our home learning protocol, so it is vitally important that you can access this on a regular basis. A tap on the *like* button informs us that you have accessed the blog and any home learning activities.

Normally we would invite you into school on a regular basis to "work alongside" your child. This gives us the opportunity to show you how we teach things like phonics, reading and maths, and inform you of how best to support your child's learning at home. However in the present climate this is not something we can do within school. We feel this is an important part of our learning partnership, and so we will regularly send home videos which will give you an insight into the children's learning. Watch out for these over the next few weeks!

We hope that this letter has provided you with the relevant information regarding the early adopter year and changes to Tapestry. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the EYFS team via the school office.

Kind regards

The Year R team