



Thursday 16th September

Dear Parents / Guardians,

## EYFS Framework & Baseline Information

At Pioneer, we embrace changes that are going to have a positive impact on the children's learning and education. As you may already be aware, the DFE have introduced a new EYFS framework, commencing September 2021 and have made the Reception Baseline Assessment statutory.

### What does this mean for your child?

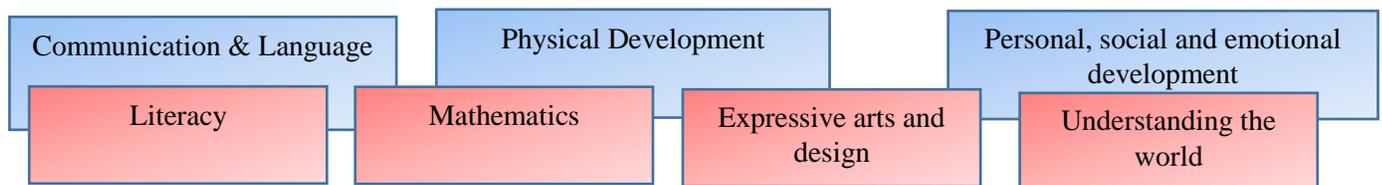
Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new Early Learning Goals. These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. These will be shared with you and discussed during the parent meetings in November.

As part of the changes to the new framework, it also means that there is less emphasis on recording paperwork, meaning we, as adults, can spend more time with your child having quality interactions and helping them progress in their learning. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further supporting your child's educational journey from reception to KS1 and building upon previous knowledge.

There are many things that have remained within the framework changes, and there is still a large emphasis on learning through discovery and play, alongside small groups and dedicated teacher sessions.

The 7 main areas of learning are also the same.

These are;



### Reception Baseline

Reception teachers always complete a baseline assessment in September to celebrate the children's strengths and gauge next steps required in their learning.

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In order to conduct the statutory baseline assessment the teaching team have completed training and received a pack of resources which they will use to assess the children's knowledge of maths, literacy and communication skills. The children will take part in activities and challenges on a 1-1 basis, similar to those that will be in the classroom provision. The class teacher will assess your child when they feel they are settled within the school environment. This will happen during the first six weeks of the term. Alongside this baseline assessment, teachers and classroom staff will be engaging the children in lots of exciting learning to fully assess their abilities in all areas of learning.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

If you have any questions then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your continued support

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