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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and you and your child are ready for the year ahead. We have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and play with all the children during the transitions days in July. We are looking forward to getting to know your children over the coming weeks and months.

Our primary focus this term will be welcoming the children into a happy and new learning environment as they begin the start of their learning journey at Vernon. Well-being and nurturing are paramount during this transitional period. We plan from the children's interests, and we focus on being spontaneous, bespoke and responding to what is happening around us and where the children's play leads them within their learning.

As the children settle in, they will be encouraged to explore the environment and build secure, positive relationships with the adults in our team. The EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) promotes carefully planned continuous provision which is based on observations on how your children play. We have a holistic approach to all areas of learning and understand each child's strengths. We recognise each child is unique, celebrating all areas of development which helps each child to develop as an individual.

Early reading is a prime focus in school, especially for the Reception cohort. At Vernon we follow a government approved systematic synthetic phonics scheme called Little Wandle. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of sharing books with your child. It truly is the most wonderful time of growth and pride as you see your child build in confidence as they learn to read and apply their phonic sounds within their writing.

Our P.E hall slots will be on a Thursday for both classes. As we mentioned in our induction pack, we do not need your child to bring in a PE kit until Spring Term (January 2024). However, we incorporate physical development in all aspects of learning. For example, through fine and gross motor skills as part of our normal day to day provision. Physical development doesn't only take place within the allocated hall slots it is daily, woven into EYFS activities.

Please can your child bring their book bag and a named water bottle into school every day.

We are delighted to be supporting your child and yourselves in this special transition period and we want this to be as smooth as possible. We look forward to an exciting first term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs P. Brammar, Mrs D. Wilson & Miss E. Bryan



'Nobody else is quite like me'

