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Dear Reception Families,

We hope your child is settling in well to Reception and has adapted to the rhythms and routines of school life. I am writing to let you know that we are currently carrying out a simple assessment of every child in Reception called the **Reception Baseline Assessment**. This assessment is produced by the Department for Education each year.

Every child entering Reception across the country takes this test, which is administered by the class teacher or Early Years Educator in the classroom area. The test involves a series of questions focusing on early maths and early literacy, which children answer using props like counting bears and picture cards. The test is adaptive, which means it responds to children's answers and so is never too hard.

If you would like to find out more about the test, [this booklet](#) provides more details. The school receives a short report about how your child did in the test, which we then use to help us build a picture of what your child can do, and where we need to focus our teaching. We will share this information with you at our first parent consultations, which will take place next term. Should you have any questions before then, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Kirsty Addae

Assistant Headteacher and Early Years Lead