



“Together We Achieve”

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Dear Parents / Guardians of children in Conker and Acorn Class

At Swanwick Primary School, 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.

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 ELGs (Early learning goals). These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. You can find the new Early Learning Goals on our school website www.swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/new-early-years-framework-2021-reception-children/109973. The 7 main areas of learning remain the same. These are;



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 getting to know them and having those quality interactions. Tapestry Learning Journal will be used in a more specific way, to document new learning and key aspects of your child’s progression. Staff will aim to be ‘in the moment’ with the children, which means they will not be using Tapestry to document all learning through the day. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further ensuring your child’s educational journey from reception to KS1 is building upon previous knowledge.

Reception Baseline

The reception baseline assessment, or RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child’s early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. It will be undertaken with your child’s Teachers/Teaching Assistants and will measure your child’s progress from reception to year 6. The data will only be accessed by the DFE. The teacher will be able to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and if they need any further support in certain areas. When your child reaches year 6, you will be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their school journey. If you wish to read further on the reception baseline, then you can find a useful parent booklet here; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

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

Yours sincerely

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