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Autumn Term Assessments (Reception)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into Term 3, we would like to share an update on how we assess pupils' learning and progress.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile is a statutory assessment of children's development at the end of their Reception year. When you receive your child's report towards the end of the summer term, you will also receive a table summarising your child's developmental achievements in relation to the 17 Early Learning Goal descriptors.

Three times a year, we informally assess how your child is progressing in relation to each of these descriptors. There are many factors that affect this rate of development and a child may be on track to achieve some of the Early Learning Goals but not others. For some children this may be because they were born late in the academic year, are late developers or missed a considerable amount of their reception year. For others, this may be because they have a special educational need.

Informal assessments help us understand each child's strengths and identify any areas where they may need extra support or challenge. You will receive an email with a link to your child's Autumn Term assessment data.

The language used below reflects your child's attainment relative to year group expectations:

Below	Not yet working at the expectation
Just Below	Nearly working at the expectation
On track	Working at the age-related expectation
Greater Depth	Working at a greater depth within the age-related expectation

Parents' Evenings to discuss your child(ren)'s progress and learning more generally are on Thursday 22nd January from 3:30pm to 6pm. Mrs. Troughton is happy to arrange another day and time if this is inconvenient for you. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about your child's learning or the Early Years Learning Goals.

Thank you for your partnership and support.

Kind regards,

K. Prichard