



# HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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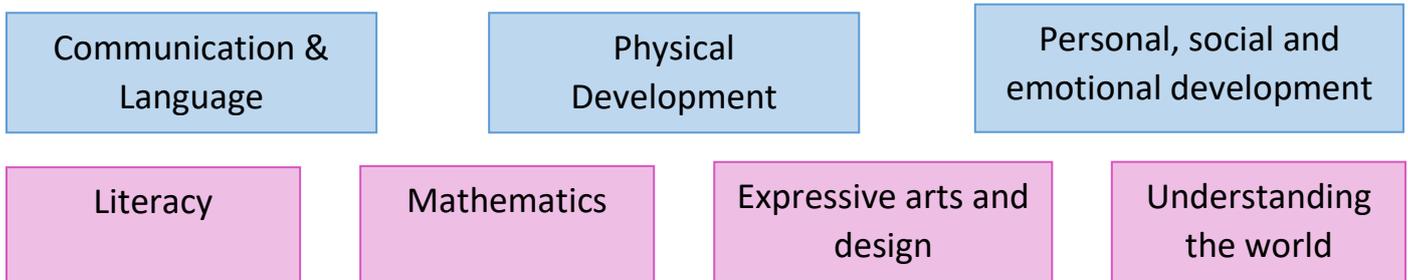
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Hillside 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. 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.

## **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. These statements will be shared with you all at the first parent's consultation. 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. This means that we will still be uploading learning moments onto tapestry each week, however this will now consist of a weekly blog on a Friday and approximately one focused observation on your child/children each week. These may sometimes be a group observation or an individual one. The weekly blogs will also include a learning activity that you can do at home with your child/children, which will support their learning in class.

## **Reception Baseline**

During the first half of the term, all of the children in Reception undertake the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school and will be used to measure



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their progress from Reception to Year 6. The teacher, school and parents, are not made aware of the results from this assessment and instead the data will only be accessed by the DFE. The teacher will also use this opportunity to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and to see if they need any further support in certain areas. When your child reaches Year 6, you will be able to see the progress that they have made throughout their school journey. If you wish to read further on the RBA, 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 then please feel free to speak to Miss Barber or myself.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Smith  
Reception Teacher