

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## **EYFS Curriculum – Early Adopters**

Dear Parents/Carers,

From September 2021, there will be a new framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. This will be statutory and all schools will have to implement it. At Robert Miles Infants, we are always keen to be at the forefront of education changes and so are excited to be one of many schools who have chosen to be an Early Adopter this year. This means that we are following the new framework a year early, rather than waiting until September 2021.

The framework covers the education and care of all children in Early Years provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities, and promotes the learning and development of all children to ensure that they are ready for Year 1. There are seven areas of learning and development that shape educational programmes in early years settings. All areas are linked and are important to the children's overall learning and development.

At the end of the EYFS (end of Reception), all children are assessed against the Early Learning Goals (ELGs). They are a set of standards that all children work towards throughout the EYFS. This year, the children in Reception at Robert Miles Infants will be assessed against the revised Early Learning Goals, which are attached to this letter. They will be assessed as either 'Emerging', which means they are working towards the ELGs but have not yet reached the expected standard, or as 'Expected' which means they have attained the level of development expected for the end of the EYFS. More information will be given regarding this later in the year.

If you would like more information about the revised curriculum, here is a link to some documentation that you may find useful. <u>www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework</u>. Here, you will find more information about the framework for the EYFS, as well as a document called 'Development Matters' which we use to support our planning and provision and gives information about the pathways for children's development in broad ages and stages from birth to 5.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of the EYFS team.

Thank you for your support.

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