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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome to Salisbury Primary School. We hope your child has settled well into their new class for their first half term in school. Please see the intended learning for this half term.

<p><b>Year:</b> Reception</p> <p><b>Themes:</b> Family and Friends</p> <p><b>Key books:</b> Owl Babies, So Much and Grandpa Grandpa</p>		<p><b>Term:</b> Autumn Term 1</p>
<p><b><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></b></p> <p>What will we be doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning about new beginnings.</li> <li>• Talking about feeling safe and secure in their learning environment.</li> <li>• Learning about the rules and routines.</li> <li>• Learning about what makes a good friend.</li> </ul>  <p><b><u>Understanding the World</u></b></p> <p>What will we be doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using different programs on the computer.</li> <li>• Talking about where we live and looking at a map of the world and talking about what countries our families are from.</li> <li>• Making a nature table.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Communication and Language</u></b></p> <p>What will we be doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening to stories and talking about the characters and events in the story.</li> <li>• Talking about ourselves, our families and our friends.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Literacy</u></b></p> <p>What will we be doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing our own names.</li> <li>• Learning letter sounds and simple words.</li> <li>• Reading books with the teacher and our friends.</li> <li>• Finding out about fiction and non-fiction texts.</li> <li>• Writing about events in our lives.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Mathematics</u></b></p> <p>What will we be doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning to recognise, count and order numbers up to 20.</li> <li>• Finding and naming some 2D and 3D shapes and making shape pictures.</li> <li>• Learning to order objects by size.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Physical Development</u></b></p> <p>What will we be doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE sessions and developing our skills in movement.</li> <li>• Learning about being healthy and staying safe.</li> <li>• Learning how hold our pencil to form letters correctly.</li> </ul>  <p><b><u>Expressive Art and Design</u></b></p> <p>What will we be doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating family and self-portraits.</li> <li>• Role play based on the stories read.</li> <li>• Singing songs and rhymes.</li> <li>• Painting pictures.</li> <li>• Making a models of story characters and settings.</li> </ul>

## How can I help my child?

- **Bring in a family photo** – Please send in a photo of your child with family and friends. We will be using them for display and to encourage children to get to know their new friends in their class.
- **Read with your child for 5-10 minutes** each night and encourage them to talk about what they have read with you.
- **Homework** is given out on Friday and should be returned on Wednesday. Children will take home a book from our book corner for you to share together. These books may need to be read by an adult but you can support your child's reading by encouraging them to talk about what is happening in the story, if it has a good or bad story character, predicting what might happen at the end of the story etc. You can also ask your child if they can see any of the sounds we have been learning in school.
- We will be sending home a special '**WOW**' Certificate for you and your child to complete together. Examples of 'Wow' moments can be; writing your name, tidying up your toys, setting a table for tea, using good manners, trying a new food or achieving something for the first time.

## Places to Visit:

- Family members who live in different homes – to talk about special times together.
- The park – to collect conkers and leaves for the nature table.
- The library – to read books of interest, especially about our topic family and friends.

## Notices

- **PE lessons** are every Tuesday so please can you ensure your child brings in their PE kit on this day. Please ensure that **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Do encourage your child to dress and undress themselves independently at home, as this will help them to feel more confident in lessons.
- **School uniform** - All items of clothing need to be labeled with your child's name; coats, bags, sweatshirts, polo shirts, trousers, shoes etc. School uniform must be worn every day. **Navy bottoms and black shoes only.**
- **Before school** – We would like to remind you that before the teachers' open classroom doors at 8.50, it is the responsibility of parents to supervise their children to ensure they are well behaved and safe. Please do not let children play on playground equipment unsupervised. We appreciate your support in this matter.
- We would appreciate donations of **cardboard boxes** for our model making activities.

## Dates for your diary:

**Monday 3rd October** – Newham Recorder photographing Reception classes.

**Tuesday 4th October** - Individual and family group photos

**Friday 21st October** - Last day of term

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY** – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2016

Please do not hesitate to speak to the teachers who work with your child if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education at school. Our teachers will happily make an appointment to speak with you.

*Caroline Clifton*

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