Reception Baseline Information

At St James', Lower Darwen 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, that commenced in September 2021. The school became an early adopter of these changes in 2020 and are very familiar with the new framework.

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 and can be seen on the next page. The 7 main areas of learning remain the same. These are;

Prime Areas of Learning:

Communication and Language

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Physical Development

Specific Areas of Learning:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts & Design

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 during their play. 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.

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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 class teacher and will measure your child's progress from reception to year 6. The school, the teachers and you, as parents will not be shared and 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 then please feel free to ask any questions.