Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, a busy week in Reception. The children have been amazing in their first week of full days at school, we expect they have been very tired when they got home! The children continue to be very settled in the classroom and are enjoying developing relationships with each other and the grown-ups. They really enjoy exploring all the exciting areas in our classrooms and outside in the garden. They are not afraid to have a go at something new and have coped well with eating lunch in the dinner hall. They have been using their listening skills and are becoming familiar with our school rules, to be 'ready', 'respectful' and 'safe'.

Each week we base our learning around a different book. This week our story was 'I like myself' by Karen Beaumont. We have been chatting about our favourite toys and our favourite foods. On the art table we have been looking closely at our own faces in the mirror and then re-creating our faces onto a paper plate.

In reception we do lots of activities to develop our gross motor and fine motor skills to help us with our drawing, writing and cutting skills. This week we started 'squiggle' to support our gross motor skills and dough disco to support our fine motor skills. These are so much fun! In squiggle we hold a 'flipper flapper' (flannel) in each hand. Our teacher puts on some music and we copy the way our teachers move their arms. Ask us to show you some moves! In dough disco we have a little ball of playdough and manipulate it with our fingers and hands to music! Great fun!

Next week we will be doing some activities with each child to see what they already know in literacy and maths.

Here are some reminders of important information about next week and the weeks going forward.

- On Monday next week, your child will be coming home with a 'tell me about' sticker on them. Please talk to your child about what is written on their sticker and we will have small group discussions about this on Tuesday.

- On Fridays, starting from next week, the weekend Bears will be coming home with one of you! He loves to spend time with reception class members at their home. Your child can then draw pictures or write words tell us all about their weekend. Please don't feel like you need to do anything special, the bears love to help around the house or go for a walk.

- Every Friday, a Reception newsletter will be sent out via Parent Pay detailing all the exciting things we have done in school that week, how you can help at home and important information for the following week. Please keep an eye out for them! These newsletters will also be uploaded onto the website under class pages. Every term, photos will also be uploaded onto this page.

- A login for parent pay was sent home last week. If you did not receive the letter, please speak to the school office. All communication will be sent out through parent pay.

- Finally, here is a reminder of all the opportunities for you to visit the classroom and work alongside your children. Exact dates and timings will follow.

Term:	Topic and curriculum enhancements:	Parental / Guardian Opportunities:
1	Who am I?	Phonics Presentation – Come and find out more about our phonics scheme. Phonics Stay and Play – Join your child in class and watch how phonics is delivered.
2	Can you tell me a story? - We will be inviting parents into talk about their occupations.	Parents Evening. Story and Snack – Join your child at the end of the day to have a snack and listen to a story.
3	Around the world. - Around the world party.	Our Mystery Reader Starts – More details to follow but prepared to be excited! Stay and Play – Join your child for the morning to find out what happens in our morning sessions and play alongside your child.
4	How do we get around? - Fire engine visits school.	Mystery Reader. Parents Evening. Maths Open Afternoon Stay and Play – Come and join your child to work out the maths challenges.
5	What is happening in our garden? - Zoolab into school.	Mystery Reader. Stay and Play.
6	Water water everywhere! - Trip to the church and the library with The Elms Reception classes.	Mystery Reader. Open Classroom - Come and look at your child's profiles.

Thank you so much for your support. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

The Reception team at Folly View Primary