



## Grove School

To the parents of children in reception

Dear parents and carers,

The reception staff are delighted to be able to welcome the children back into school this week. We will be re-establishing the routines of the day, arriving on time to school and encouraging the children to play, explore and talk to their friends and teachers.

It is getting warmer outside and we are keen that the children access the outdoor learning environment even more. We have opened up our wonderful water area which we are sure the children will love once they are dressed in their waterproof overalls and wellington boots. During science week we plan to explore floating and sinking and experiment with a variety of materials. We also plan to find out about rain and rainbows; making rain catchers and creating rainbows. We know the children will love the experiments we have planned.

Reading continues to be a key focus. The children have a daily phonics lesson and read books from the school reading scheme. They have lots of opportunities to practice and apply their phonics knowledge. Each week the children will bring home a home reading book. You will be able to read this with your child and see the progress they are making in reading.

We will continue celebrating World Book Week this week. We plan to go on book treasure hunts, act out our favourite stories and even make films to celebrate our story telling skills.

On Friday the children can wear a costume based on their favourite character from a book. All the children will bring a book home to keep from school.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. We will let you know how we are going to recognise this day in school later this week.

Thank you for your support with the children's online learning. We look forward to an exciting return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Willoughby  
Year Group Leader