

11th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be assessing the children using PIRA and PUMA assessment tests over the coming weeks. This is a formal paper assessment used for all children from Reception to Year 6. Each test is taken on a one to one basis, not as a group or a class, in previous years the children have really enjoyed doing them asking when is it their turn!! The test tracks children's progress in reading and maths beginning in the summer term for Reception then termly as they move to Year 1 upwards. It is nothing for you or your child to worry about but if you would like more information please speak to a member of staff.

For some children they will be bringing home the same reading book as previously. This is to encourage fluency and confidence as the green level and purple level books are becoming more challenging.

In Maths the focus has remained on shape and the de/composition of shapes. This subject has really challenged the children's thinking skills and reinforced earlier work on "rotation" and manipulation of shape, a square is still a square even though it has been turned/rotated, some children suggest it is now a diamond shape, but no, it is still a square it has just been rotated!

Some parents have asked if any forms need to be filled in as their child is ready to move to Year 1 (as when moving from Nursery to Reception). This is not the case. Now your child is in school they will simply move to each year group in September.

Many thanks to Miss Quinn who during her PE time on Wednesday gave the opportunity to try a variety of different small games activities which the children really enjoyed. Skills of throwing, catching, balancing and aiming are all developing well alongside perseverance and an attitude to "have a go".

Staff training this week was provided by a member of staff from the Liverpool Behaviour Intervention Team. This follows previous training which took place earlier in the year, the aim of which is to support staff who work with children in our setting who exhibit certain behaviours.

Reception Staff