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Reception

We're Learning Something New!

Dear Parents,

Over the next few weeks those of us in Reception will begin a new topic called **"Family and Friends"**.

This unit is part of the early years programme of the International Primary Curriculum. This new curriculum has been specially written for young children who are in schools out of their home country and sets out clearly what children should learn in four groups or "strands" — these are called "Independence and Interdependence", "Communicating", "Exploring", and "Healthy Living". The activities which have been planned will cover these strands in the following ways:

Independence and Interdependence

During these first few weeks the children will learn how to get along with each other and have opportunities to play alone, alongside and with other children. They will need to begin to take responsibility for their own belongings.

Communicating

We will learn simple rhymes and the children will listen to stories. The children will make simple pictures of themselves and of their families. They will see their own name-card all around the classroom. The children will be introduced to numbers and be involved in simple counting activities.

Exploring

Throughout this theme the children will be encouraged to take part in domestic role-play in the house area. This will give them the opportunity to learn about social relationships.

They will use simple reference materials to learn about animal families.

Healthy Living

The children will learn about expressing emotions and emotional need. Each day will bring opportunities for coping with change.

We will begin this theme on Wednesday 8th September. As the 'Entry Point' for this unit the children will introduce 'their own special family' to the rest of the class by participating in a whole class photo display project.

We ask you to support the children's learning by providing a picture of 'their family' and a hand tracing by each member of the family (paper supplied). Please bring this to class no later than Wednesday of next week. Thank you.

As always, we welcome any support or suggestions which you may have. Watch the class bulletin board for more details as the theme progresses.

