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Foundation Newsletter September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, the Lions and Tigers have made a fantastic start to their school careers! We have been so impressed by how independent they have become: coming into school in the morning; being responsible for their belongings and lunches and working hard at class jobs.

Settling in:

We would, under normal circumstances invite you all to a meeting where we could share with you how well the children are settling in. This year the presentation will be available online on YouTube <https://youtu.be/BnxKiatU2fU>

Tapestry & Twitter:

We believe home to school communication is essential in your child's learning journey. Please make sure that you follow us on **Twitter (@BPS_JungleTeam)** to keep up to date with the daily activities in the classroom and that you regularly check your child's Tapestry account. We have begun to upload observations of the children's amazing learning, we will be sharing home learning challenges from next weekend and we will also be asking you to upload your child's VIP show and tell items via Tapestry. If you are experiencing any problems accessing Tapestry please let us know.

Home Learning on Tapestry:

Our first topic this term is 'Amazing Me' and we are thinking about all of the ways that we are amazing and how we can become even more amazing. For the children's first set of home learning we would like to hear about how they have become more amazing at home (thinking about how much they have changed since they were babies and all of the things they can do now that they couldn't before).

We would like the children to think about their own timeline from birth to now. They may like to draw pictures or find and talk about photographs of their younger selves. **Please upload your home learning to Tapestry by Monday 5th October as we cannot accept paper based home learning at this time.** We look forward to sharing the learning in class. We will then continue to set a home learning task every fortnight via Tapestry.





VIP:

We are very excited to be starting our VIP celebrations this week. This means that there will be one Lion and one Tiger VIP who will receive their red jumper on Monday to wear all week and will receive their VIP certificate on Friday. The VIP will also have the opportunity to present five of their most treasured items for show and tell. Unfortunately we cannot have physical items coming into school, and so we would ask that you take photographs of the things they would like to share and upload the photographs to Tapestry. We will then be able to show and tell via our screen in class. The children will hand back their jumper before going home on Friday for school to wash.



Reminders:

We would also like to remind you that PE kits will need to be worn on **Fridays for our Fit Friday activities**. The children can wear any form of appropriate sports footwear on Friday and not just the black school plimsolls. Please ensure that if children have lace-up trainers that they are able to tie the laces.

We have noticed that some children are bringing squash or juice to school and would like to remind you that our school policy is to have water only.

We hope the information in this letter is useful. We will be staying in regular contact so please do check your emails and text messages from us, Twitter and the school website regularly to ensure that you are kept up to date with important messages.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

The Foundation team

