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Welcome to Southmead Primary School's Early Years Foundation Stage!

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first week and is now feeling happy with the expectations of a school day. All the children did so well settling in during an unusually tough global situation.

We will be sending out these updates regularly with information about current learning and the things planned for the days ahead. Please check your emails or the school website before Monday morning to see if there are new messages.

This week your child should have brought home one of our library books and a record book of loans. Please keep this record book in your child's book bag every day. We will record in there if your child has done reading at school, and ask that you record any book sharing or reading done at home. The library books are for you to read to your child and discuss the illustrations and events. Try to recall what happened, how characters felt and why. Ask your child to choose their favourite part and explain why. It will also help your child's literacy development if you point out words that rhyme and invite them to predict the rhyming words when re-reading. Within school, we are going to be sharing a lot of Julia Donaldson's rhyming texts this half term, and playing a variety of listening games in preparation for starting a Phonics approach to reading and spelling. Your child will start bringing phonetically decodable reading books home in a few weeks' time when we feel they are ready to start reading to you. We will also send home a variety of phonics games and activities throughout the year for you to play together.

Currently, to safe guard against COVID-19, we will collect library books in on a Friday morning and leave them to become virus free over the weekend. A new library book will be safe to come home on Monday. If there is no book in your child's bag on Friday they will need to keep hold of it until the next change over day.

On Monday mornings we will usually have some 'show and tell' time when your child can share something on a theme we have set. This next week we would love it if your child could talk about a favourite memory from the summer. In the future we might be happy for them to bring items in from home, but for now we need to limit this. You are welcome to email a photograph for your child to talk about. Please send it to...