**04.01.2018**

Dear parent/carer

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you had a lovely break and are looking forward to the term ahead. We are really looking forward to getting stuck into the Spring Term and continue to move forward with our vision for the ARB.

As you are aware our outlook and provision is continually changing in response to your child’s needs and development. This means that from time to time you will gain new information or the information looks slightly different than it has done before. We encourage you to please ask your child’s key worker/teacher if there is anything you want more clarification on and we will explain.

To set you up for the start of term I have enclosed your child’s/ the class timetable for this term and a topic overview for the term. Our topic is “Lets go Exploring “. Following shortly will be your child’s updated learning plan with progress noted.

**Changes and Curriculum**

We continue to work on our lifeskills curriculum that is split into 4 different levels depending on your child’s level of development or academic ability.

* Formal (Working at National Curriulum levels Year 1 or above in **COGNITIVE ABILITY NOT AGE**)
* Semi Formal (Working on the P scales between P4 – P8)
* Pre Formal (Working on a sensory based curriculum between P1 – P3)
* EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage profile children – generally of Reception class age)

How we plan for your child and the provision within class depends on these factors and their EHCP targets alone. We do not determine planning by age as this often is not relevant. If you have any questions about what curriculum your child is working on or what that looks like in context please do speak to your child’s key worker or Jess.

**Assessment and Records of Learning**

Many thanks for all your positive feedback about (and contributions to) Tapestry as a learning journal last term. We continue to use this next term. Again if you have any problems accessing this please do speak to one of the team.

If we do not see you regularly at school to pick up or drop off, your child’s key worker will be in touch in the 2nd week of term (Week beginning 8th January) to have a catch up.

Swimming this term will go back to **Year 5 and 6 children in the ARB**. It starts tomorrow Friday 5th January.

We hope you have a lovely Spring Term.

Yours sincerely

Jess Carew & the rest of the ARB Team