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Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

7th September 2022

Dear Parents and carers

As you may already be aware, the DFE have introduced a new EYFS framework, which commenced from September 2021. At the Federation of Federation of Middleham (VA) and Spennithorne (VC) Primary Schools, we established these changes in the last academic year and our EYFS fully meets the requirements of the framework.

### What does this mean for your child?

Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new ELGs (Early learning goals). These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. These statements will be shared with you all at the first parent's evening later in the Autumn Term. The 7 main areas of learning are:

Communication & Language	Physical Development	Personal, social and emotional development	
Literacy	Mathematics	Expressive arts and design	Understanding the world

As part of the changes to the new framework, it also means that there is less emphasis on recording paperwork, meaning we, as adults, can spend more time with your child getting to know them and having those quality interactions. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further ensuring your child's educational journey from reception to KS1 is building upon previous knowledge.

### Reception Baseline

The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) is a statutory assessment that we are required to complete (as directed by the DfE) in the first 6 weeks of the school year. This is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. It will be undertaken with your child's class teacher and will measure your child's progress from reception to year 6. The teacher will be able to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and identify if they need any further support in certain areas. When your child reaches year 6, you will be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their school journey. If you wish to read further on the Reception Baseline, then you can find a useful parent booklet here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>



# The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

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If you have any questions then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Brown.

Many Thanks for your continued support.

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