

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Dear parent/carers,

We would like to introduce you to 'Stay and Play' sessions, where parents/ carers can get involved and spend time with your child/ren in their classroom. There will be one every half term for the rest of the academic year 2024-2025. We try to place them on different days of the week to try and accommodate as many families as possible.

The first one, will be taking place on: **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2.15-3.20pm**

**Please go to the RP entrance when you arrive, where you will be asked to sign in.**

The aim of these sessions is for children to play with their grown-ups in the classroom provision, show their work in their literacy and maths books and for grown-ups to experience what the children do on a daily basis.

We want these sessions to be high quality and purposeful, to have a positive impact upon the children. To do this, we are asking the grown-ups who attend to consider the following:

- Has your child expressed the areas of the classroom that they would like to play in with you? If not could you ask them prior to the session?
- Whilst in the areas of provision, try to ask your child/ren constructive and open questions to extend their play and their thinking. E.g. How can we do this better? Why have you chosen to make that in that way? Why has that happened?
- If your child chooses to finish playing in an area of provision, ask them where they would like to go to next and accompany them to the next area.
- It is lovely to see younger siblings attend the sessions to spend time with their brothers or sisters but please can we ask that they stay with you throughout the session. Reception staff cannot be responsible for them during the sessions.

If you as a parent/carers cannot attend the sessions, any member of your family is more than welcome to attend the 'Stay and Play' sessions; everyone is more than welcome!

Once the session has finished, you will be able to go home with your child/ren. We also welcome your feedback regarding these sessions.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any further questions about 'Stay and Play'.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Sperduto

EYFS Leader and SENDCo

Mrs Ryan

Reception Teacher

Miss Holdsworth

Reception Teacher