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A Message from Mrs Arnold, Early Years Leader at North Primary

## **Reception 2021 intake**

Last year we were fortunate enough to have a local film company called CliQQ, visit our Reception class to film a day in the life of a Reception child. I hope you enjoyed watching the film and that you got a sense of the excellent provision we provide for our Reception children both in the inside and outside classrooms. Our Teachers, Nursery Nurses and Learning Support Assistants work extremely hard to provide resources and experiences for children to enable them to develop their knowledge of the world and build upon interests they already have. Reception children learn through play and it is our job to create powerful learning opportunities to enable them to develop and progress. In Reception at North we introduce our Learning High Five. We teach the children that in order to be a successful learner we need to be happy and settled in school, say yes and do our best, ask questions, ask for help if we are stuck and collaborate with others. The film shows examples of these skills and we are able to share these skills of a good learner with parents using our online journal, Tapestry. We have found Tapestry to be an invaluable communication tool between school and home. As parents you know your child better than anyone and we want to learn about your child from you too. Tapestry enables parents to upload photos and videos of learning at home and these help us to build a rounded picture of each child.

It is a real privilege to be a Reception Teacher and witness the progress and development of every child as they move through this important school year. Whichever school you may choose, I wish you and your child all the best for the future.

**Claire Arnold** 

