

Reception 2024-25

Parent Night

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

The Learning Journey continues

No two maps are the same !

The value of the journey.



Values – the bedrock of our school

Home



Integrity



School



Social awareness

‘Freedom with responsibility’



‘Wings to fly’

‘Exceed your potential’



NO WAY. THE HUNDRED IS THERE



Reggio Emilia Philosophy



- *At Madley Primary School, in Early Years and beyond, we are inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach.*
- Parents as partners in education
- The child as collaborator and communicator
- Environment as the third teacher
- Making learning visible through communication and documentation
- The teacher as partner, nurturer, guide and researcher

Reggio In A Nutshell



Framed Family Photograph



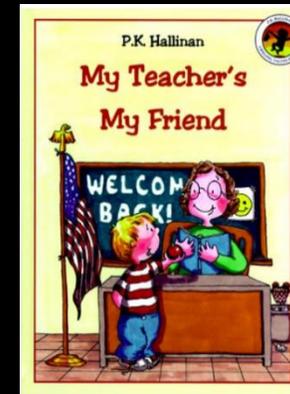
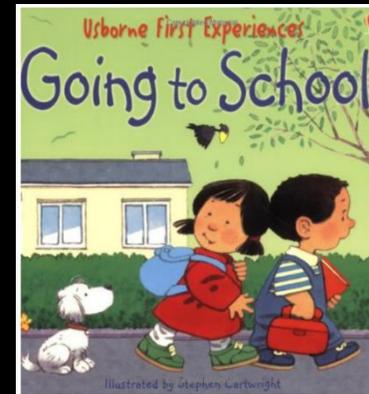
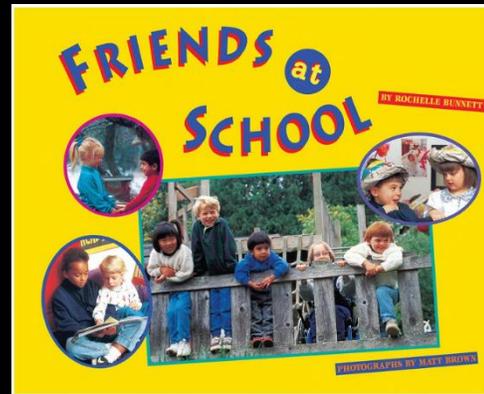
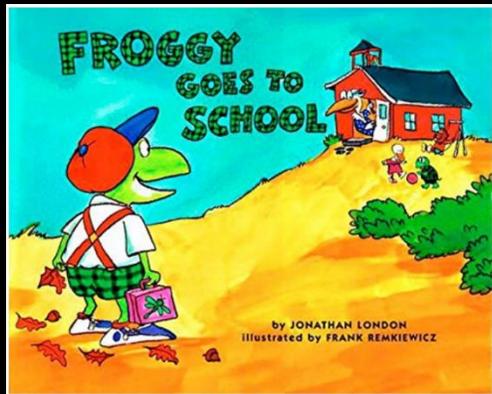
We will develop an area of framed family photographs in our classroom, which the children will talk about with each other.

We believe learning is a partnership between home and school with the learning environment being the “third teacher”. Knowing that you are an integral part of our class and school community is very reassuring for the children particularly on days when they might be missing you.

It is always a lovely experience to hear the children celebrating their different families with their peers.

Starting School Books

Encourage your child to have conversations about their start at School.



Many of these books will be available to watch on YouTube.

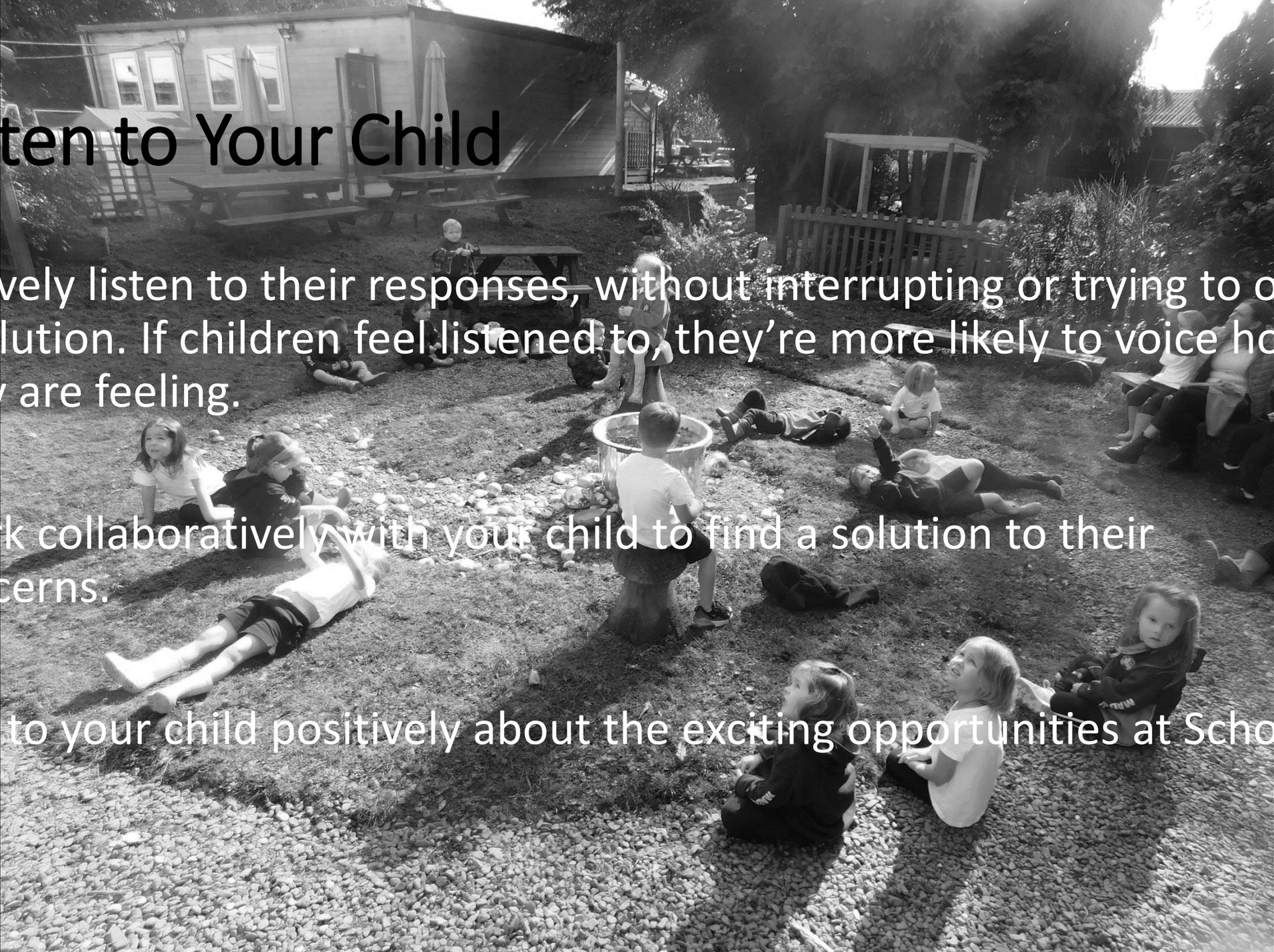
With comforting words and vibrant pictures, starting school books do a great job of easing any anxiety your child might have. Read them again and again—as often as your child likes.

Listen to Your Child

Actively listen to their responses, without interrupting or trying to offer a solution. If children feel listened to, they're more likely to voice how they are feeling.

Work collaboratively with your child to find a solution to their concerns.

Talk to your child positively about the exciting opportunities at School.



One week before your child starts school

Set mini-tasks in the days leading up to the start of school. For example:

- Packing their school bag
- Going to bed and waking up at the same time as a school day
- Planning what they will eat for breakfast, their packed lunch etc.
- Getting their uniform ready
- Speaking to friends prior to returning to school
- Arranging what time to get to *Breakfast Club*
- Driving the school route.

In the School Bag

A black and white photograph of a school playground. In the foreground, several children are sitting on the grass, some with their backs to the camera. In the background, a school building with windows and a sign is visible. The overall scene is a typical schoolyard during a break.

- Spare underwear
- Extra socks
- Reusable water bottle
- Hat, scarf, gloves (Winter)
- Sun hat, SPF (Summer)

ALL items must be labelled with your child's full name.

Practically Ready

Your child will need to be able to ...

- Open their packed lunch box and eat independently
- Use a knife and fork appropriately
- Sit at a table when eating



Ready to Communicate

Your child will need to be able to ..

- Sit and listen for a short period of time i.e. for one minute of each year of their age + an additional one minute.
- Follow instructions
- Recognise their own name so they can identify their own belongings and spaces in the classroom.

Physically Ready

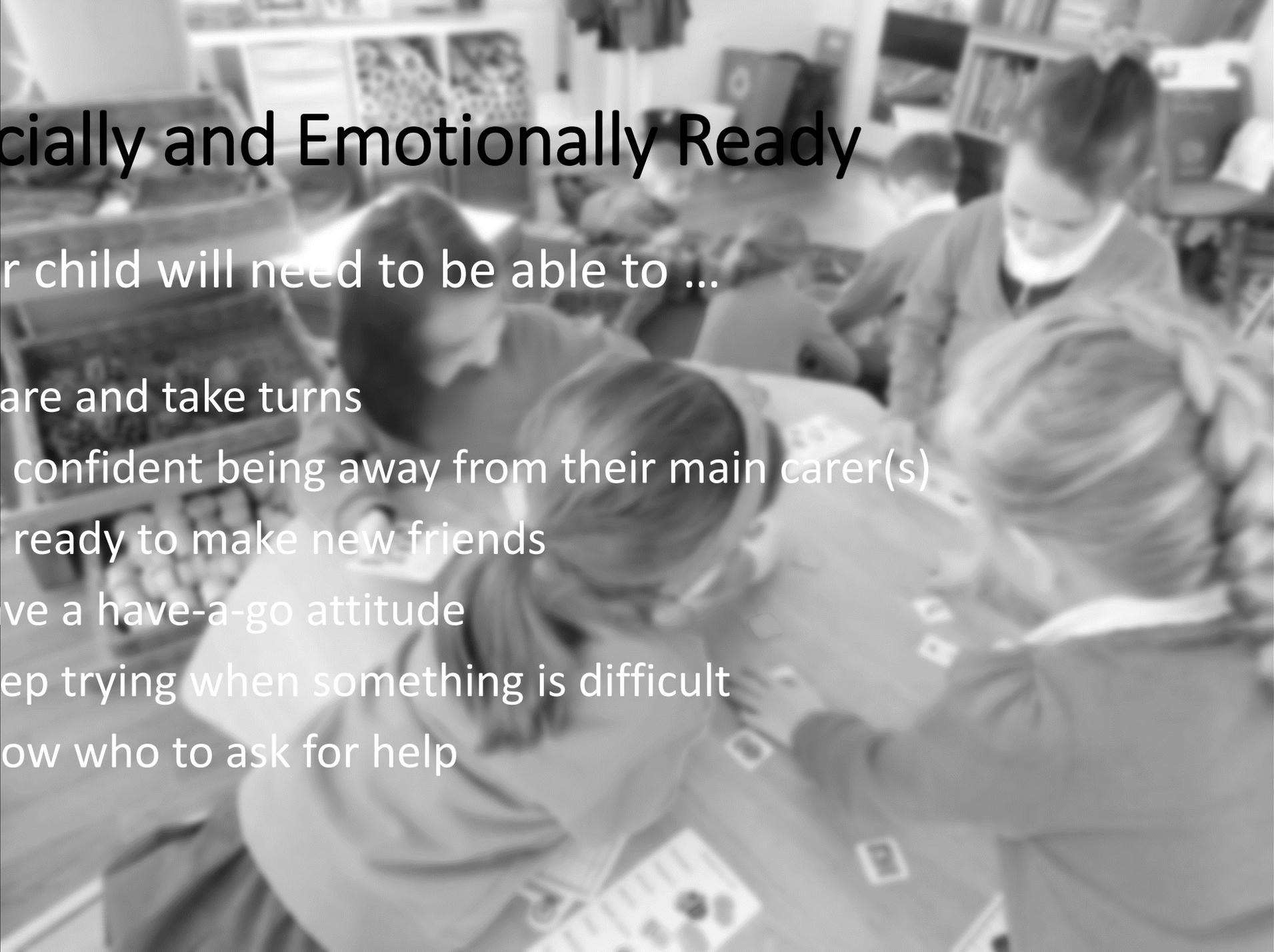
Your child will need to be able to ...

- Use the toilet independently
- Wash and dry hands thoroughly
- Be able to dress themselves in readiness for putting on their own outerwear, wet weather gear and welly boots for water play, rainy days and *Forest School*. Additionally, for when they may have a toileting accident and need to change into dry clothes.

Socially and Emotionally Ready

Your child will need to be able to ...

- Share and take turns
- Be confident being away from their main carer(s)
- Be ready to make new friends
- Have a have-a-go attitude
- Keep trying when something is difficult
- Know who to ask for help



Birthdays in Reception Class

Birthdays are very important to children and we always enjoy celebrating them in School.

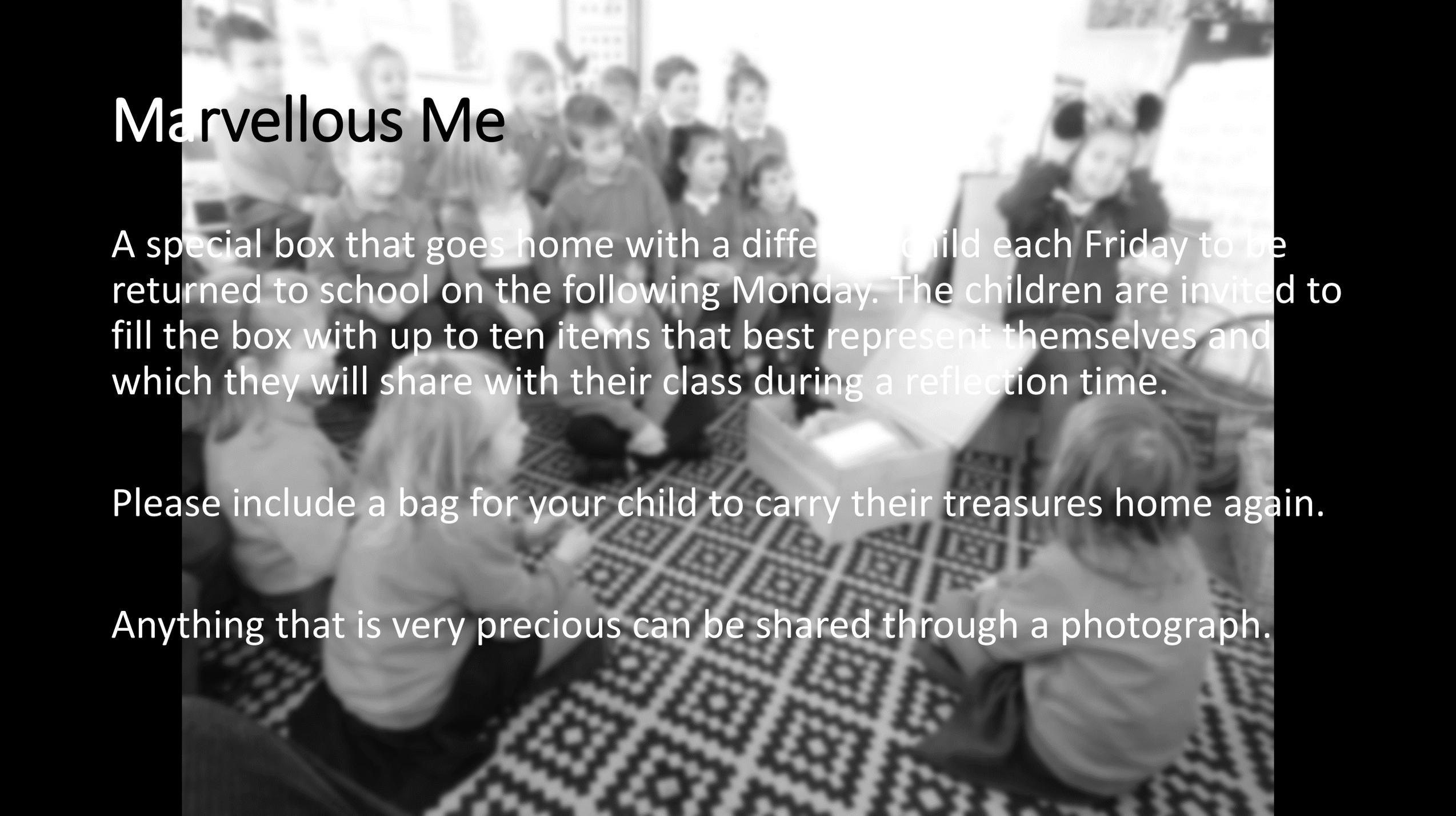
Happy Birthday will be sung as part of their class 'Morning Meeting'.

On their birthday, every child will be given the opportunity to share memories from each year of their life from birth to 5 years old. We will sing a song called *The Earth Goes Around the Sun* and your child will be invited to bring in photographs and/or mementos to support this. Once your child reaches 5 they will share their hopes and dreams for the year ahead.

Many of our children have specific dietary needs and/or allergies. Parents are therefore requested **NOT** to send in birthday cakes. Thank you.



Marvellous Me



A special box that goes home with a different child each Friday to be returned to school on the following Monday. The children are invited to fill the box with up to ten items that best represent themselves and which they will share with their class during a reflection time.

Please include a bag for your child to carry their treasures home again.

Anything that is very precious can be shared through a photograph.

A Special Bear

In Reception Class we are given a Teddy Bear to name and look after. This bear will go home with a different child every Friday and spend the weekend with them. You and your child are invited to complete a diary of pictures and/or photos and words about their shared weekend experiences.

On returning to school on Monday morning, your child will be given the opportunity to share their diary entry with the class.

