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Dear Parents/Carers,

WOWs! Your children have been wowing us in Reception with how they're all settling in, making new friends and exploring their new surroundings but we'd also like to find out about their achievements beyond the school gates!

For the families who are unfamiliar with what a "WOW" is- they are simply a message into school regarding a WOW moment. We hope that through using WOW moments, we will get more of a picture of what your child is able/keen to do. We will celebrate these moments by talking about them at carpet time. Due to the nature of WOW moments, we would not expect them to come into school on a daily or even weekly basis. Whilst we are communicating via email, it would be lovely to see photos too.

Examples of WOW moments are included below to give you some ideas although this list is not endless. **WOW moments can be something your child does for the first time, skills they acquire, observations they make about the world around them and many other things.**

Tilly rode her bike around the garden for the first time without using stabilisers.

Matthew looked at a sign and said, 'that says no dogs.'

Ellen tied her own shoelaces today.

At a party, Lucy spotted Max sitting by himself. She asked if he would like to sit with her so he wasn't lonely.

Jacob dressed himself and managed all his buttons without help.

Sam made a model of a rocket using kitchen roll tubes.

Lucy was able to finish all the sentences with rhyming words in her bedtime story.

David cut up his food using a knife and fork properly.

Wish upon a Star

We are really keen to get to know you all better during our year together. Please can you email me what you wish for your child in Reception this year. I have kept this deliberately vague so that I don't stifle your creativity or shoehorn you down a particular path! Your wishes will be added to a whole class display and shared with the children.

Personality in 3 words

Last bit of "homework" for parents and carers- please can you send me three words to describe your child. We will use your words to create an interactive display for the children.



I am looking forward to being bombarded with your emails.

Please remember to mark them **FAO Mrs Quiney** to stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net or they may get lost amongst the many emails that are sent into the school office every day!

As always if you have any queries, please do call me, catch me or drop me a line.

Kindest regards

Mrs Quiney
Class Teacher