

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sending home your child's Special Moments Book for over the weekend.

This book contains a record of activities completed and is predominantly observations made of your child during their independent learning.

## Adding 'magic moments' into the book

We are keen to promote ways of sharing this learning with you and would love to give you the opportunity to share your child's home learning and activities. We know that children do lots of learning at home and they may participate in activities we may not be aware about.

You are welcome to add any 'magic moments' or special pieces of learning that your child has completed out of school. It could be linked to some of our topic learning or it may be an achievement linked to a club activity such as gymnastics. It could be that your child has achieved something for the first time, such as riding a bike without any stabilisers or has been particularly helpful, for example.

You could write a comment (with the date recorded) about the activity or you may wish to include children's drawings and writing, or perhaps add photographs.

You don't need to add items into the book every weekend. You could add a few in each half term if you would prefer.

I hope you agree that this should be a fantastic opportunity to share your child's achievements throughout the year. I have added examples of comments of things you could add into the book:

Oliver and Jack were making cookies. Oliver told me the mixture was 'squashy'. He said "When it gets hot it will go hard".

Ellen helped me get ready for her birthday party. She was happy to wait for Daddy to get home before she opened her presents. She asked if we were having party bags "like what we had at Millie's party" (her cousin).

Maisie helped me with the gardening. She pulled out one of last years herbs. "Look it's dying. Can I have the watering can, because it needs water?"

Please ensure these books are always returned to school on Mondays. We update the books on a regular basis and they need to be in school every day in the school week. Unfortunately if books are not returned, we will not be able to update them. If you would rather not have these sent home, please let me know in writing in the daily planner.

You will be able to keep your child's Special Moments book at the end of the academic year.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support! Hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Miss McNichol and Mrs Huntbach Diamond Class team