

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We have got so much planned for our first half term in reception.

Marvellous Me!

Our first topic is called 'Marvellous Me' and we will be learning all about how to keep healthy, our bodies and all about our families. Our topic will be enhanced by the book 'Handa's Surprise' and we will be exploring all different kinds of foods and where they come from. We will also be looking at the features of non – fiction texts and using the information books to find out about feelings, emotions and food.

Further to this, we will be looking at the changes Autumn brings. We have brilliant books, ebooks, resources and activities planned to help us explore these changes.

Cloakroom!

We have limited space in our cloakroom, especially in the winter with our coats. I would like to remind you that children are not to bring anything additional into school with them. Things your child can bring to school: named water bottle, named snack box, named lunch box (if having a packed lunch), a pair of wellies (these will stay in school) and a named spare set of uniform.

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school and they bring a coat each day as the weather is so unpredictable. Please remember to label all uniform and clothes that come into school.

Thank you for your support,

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Autumn 1 term Curriculum Newsletter

Reception



Communication, Language and Literacy

Speaking and listening is one of our main focuses as the children make new friendships and gain confidence talking in larger groups.

In phonics the children will learn about the basics of phonics. This includes learning about different environmental sounds, developing the ability to distinguish sounds from each other and then how alliteration works with words starting with the same sounds. This will develop into oral blending and segmenting which will give us a great base to start learning our letter sounds later in the year.

We will be sharing lots of different stories this half term, both fiction and non-fiction. We will discuss our feelings and emotions, where food comes from and our bodies.

Before half term, we will introduce a weekly reading book that is to be read at school and home. This will start as a picture book to get us learning how to tell a story and use our imagination. Your child must bring their reading book back to school on Monday. We will allocate them a new book the same day. Their reading book will stay in school until they have read it with an adult. The day this has been read at school, it will then be sent home.

Understanding the world

There is a wide scope for learning in this area! The children will be discussing different things in circle time which focus on our feelings, emotions and events in our lives. This will give us an understanding of past and present tenses and allow us to understand different opinions of children in our classroom. We will learn about different cultures and look at how different families celebrate in their homes.

During Welly Wednesday we will be exploring the signs of autumn and looking closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will identify and talk about different feelings and how you can recognise these in us and other people.

We will listen to and value the ideas of others as the children discuss their feelings, families and events they know about and decide to share in their groups.

We are learning to talk about ourselves in positive terms by discussing how we would like to introduce ourselves to our classmates.

We will be learning to make friendships and how to play co-operatively by taking turns. We will be encouraging each other to show sensitivity to others feelings and needs.

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Expressive arts and design

We have a Home Corner role play area in our classroom. This will replicate a familiar environment in which the children can play with or alongside others whilst they learn to make new friends. We will introduce elements of our Handa's Surprise story later into the term.

We will be making self-portraits this half term to help us understand our own features and to promote self-awareness. For harvest this year we will be creating art work in the style of Guiseppe Arcimboldo. This links really well to Harvest time and our Marvellous Me topic as we will be creating faces from fruit and vegetables.

Our craft area will have different activities each week allowing the children to explore different media and we will encourage the children to use their imagination for their creations. Most of our activities will be linked to Autumn.

Mathematics

We are following the White Rose Maths scheme and this half term the scheme links closely to our Marvellous Me topic. Our first block is called 'Just Like Me' and we will focus on matching and sorting numbers, comparing different amounts, comparing size, mass and capacity, and exploring pattern. We have a list of stories that compliment our lessons and we will use these to aid our teaching and learning.

Physical development

The children will be engaging in topic related 'funky fingers' activities which aim to develop their fine motor control and impact upon their pencil control eventually.

We will be starting our class Yoga this half term to get our bodies moving and our brains ready for learning.

We will be having discussions about how we keep ourselves healthy including finding out where our food comes from.

During our Monday PE sessions we will be learning how to safely use the space around us, stopping safely and how to work individually or as part of a group. We will do this by looking at the fundamentals of running, jumping and skipping.

We will have a big focus on dressing ourselves, for example, putting our own coat and shoes on.