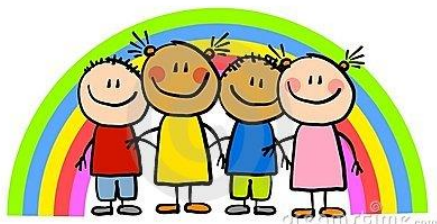




OUR TOPIC THIS TERM IS 'MARVELLOUS ME!' FOLLOWED BY 'CELEBRATIONS ALL AROUND'



A **big warm welcome** to you all. The children have all settled in very quickly and are making a fantastic start to their School careers.

The first week has been great with us getting to know the children and them exploring and learning about School life.

We are starting our learning journey this term with a topic called '**Marvellous me!**' We will be looking at our families, our homes and we will be learning all about ourselves as humans and what we need to do to stay fit and healthy.



After half term, our topic will change to, '**Celebrations all around**'. We will

be exploring different celebrations from around the world. We will discuss how each celebration is different and why people choose to celebrate different

events. We will finish this topic by exploring how Christmas was celebrated in the past and how we celebrate Christmas at home. We will read 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and write our own letters to Santa!

In **Maths** this term, we will be focussing on the numbers 0-10; saying them in order, counting carefully and accurately and recognising each digit. Any opportunities to reinforce this at home will make a huge difference to your child.

In Literacy this term, we will be learning to write our names and recognise the letters in our names. We will be learning to hear initial sounds in words, as well as try to sound out simple words.

This exciting journey, discovering the world of numbers and letters, will be taught through practical and enjoyable activities. The focus for which is to learn to love learning!



Dates for your diary

PE days will be Fridays!

(Please send in a PE bag containing navy shorts, navy T shirt and pumps. If girls wear tights please also put in a pair of socks. Then optional extras: PE kit Hoodie (we can wear our school sweatshirt if it's cold) and tracksuit bottoms. PE bags will be sent home fortnightly for a wash!)

RWI parent meeting – Tuesday 20th

September 3.20-3.40 pm (Children will stay in class with Mrs Percival)

Parent open afternoon – Thursday 20th October 2.30 pm

End of Term

Tuesday 20th December

We also have a notice board outside the classroom for any updates or upcoming events!

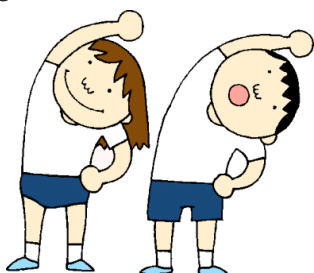
Reading



We use a programme called **Read Write Inc.** to deliver the phonics curriculum. We will have a RWI meeting in school on Tuesday 20th of September to deliver more information about the programme. There is a link to a parent's guide on the School website if you're keen to know a little more now. In the meantime, enjoy sharing stories together, talking about the characters and what happened in the story. Encourage your child to make up and tell their own stories using pictures. Learning to love stories is a super start to 'wanting' to become a reader! Don't forget to make a note of any story shared in your child's reading record. If you share a story 5X a week, your child will receive 'Strive for 5' and will be entered into the reading raffle!

Homework

On Wednesdays, I will post a short paragraph about our learning in class which will tell you briefly what we have covered in class that week and give you a practical activity that you could do at home to support your child's learning. Please note homework will not start for the first few weeks as the children are settling in.



P.E

P.E kits will stay in School for two weeks. P.E kit for the Autumn should consist of shorts and T-shirt, and jogging bottoms, they can wear their school sweatshirt if it is cold. Please could they also bring a pair of plimsolls/trainers suitable for outdoor games. PE days are Fridays.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE
COULD YOU NAME ALL ITEMS OF
CLOTHING eg. COATS, PE KITS,
SHOES- thank you.



FOREST SCHOOLS

I will continue to keep you posted about possibility of Forest Schools sessions starting after half term.

Snack money for Reception children is £1 per week. Please pay for the ½ term or term if you prefer. Please give this to Mrs Little in the Office. Thank you.



Please also provide your child with a NAMED water bottle, so that they can have a drink at other times too. Children will need to take this home every day to have the water refreshed.

How can you help?

Read stories about families, growing up and healthy lifestyles. As part of our morning routine, we are going to pay attention to the date and the days of the week. You may wish to reinforce at home, ie the order of the days of the week and the months of the year.

- Use the Seesaw App to support your child with activities to reinforce learning from the week.
- Play lots of number games and counting games. Sing number songs and encourage children to recognise numbers to 10.
- Read together as much as possible and record in reading record.
- Support and encourage your child in learning to recognise and write their name – a name activity sheet will be sent home to support this.

If anyone has any expertise, knowledge or artefacts that may support our learning, please do let us know.

Don't forget to check the School's Facebook page and website to keep up to date on what we have been doing and upcoming events.

Lastly, we know that little issues can be BIG problems to little people, SO please, nothing is too small and insignificant to mention to us if it is impacting on your child's enjoyment of School. We are here to help! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come see us.

The Reception Team



Josie Horner, Donna Percival and Cheryl Goulding.