



What are we learning about in Reception this term?



Welcome to Reception. We are delighted with how the children are settling into their new environment. We hope that, like us, your child is looking forward to a fun and exciting year in reception.

This newsletter is intended to provide you with a brief insight into our topic for this half term and some of our initial routines. However, on **Thursday 25th September at 6.30pm** there will be an 'Information Evening' during which you can find out more about our routines, the curriculum and how maths, phonics, reading and writing are delivered in the school. More information on this will follow.

Whilst we continue to settle into school routines, our learning will be based around the theme of 'Marvellous Me'.

Class Routines

- Children need to come in their outdoor PPA sports kit on **Monday and Wednesday**.
- Please ensure all clothing is named.
- Please make sure your children has a named water bottle and bookbag in school every day.

Literacy

As readers, we will be;

- Listening to and discussing a selection of stories and information books about families and our amazing bodies
- Using 'Rocket phonics' to learn the letter sounds, names and actions.
- Recognising rhythm and rhyme in spoken words.

As writers, we will be;

- Using print to show meaning by recording our ideas using letters sounds and tricky words.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Say and use number names in order and familiar contexts.
- Count sets of objects reliably and match to the numeral.
- Use words to describe position.
- Compare and describe the size of objects.

Understanding of the World

- As scientists we will investigate our 5 senses and learn about how we grow and change.
- As geographers, we will explore our school environment.
- As historians, we will identify past and present events in our lives.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be talking about people who are special to us, including themselves, their peers and members of the wider community.

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will use percussion instruments to create sounds which represent different things (seasonal changes).
- As artists, we will be looking carefully at our facial features to create self-portraits. We will experiment with different mediums when creating.

Physical Development

- As gymnasts, we will become aware of how to negotiate space safely and move freely.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be building relationships with familiar adults and peers and adapting our behaviour to social situations and changes to routine and learning how to negotiate using our words.