

Reception Autumn Term 1 – Marvellous Me

This half term the children will explore the theme *Marvellous Me*, learning about themselves, their local area, and the wider world. They will build knowledge and skills across all areas of learning through stories, play, exploration and hands-on experience

Key Texts This Half Term

The Colour Monster, Supertato, The Enormous Turnip, Handa's Surprise, Super Duper You, The Jolly Postman, We're All Wonders, The Colour of Us, Busy People: Superheroes, Daily rhymes, songs and poems.

Key Learning for the 7 Areas of Learning

1. Communication & Language

- Listening to others and paying attention
- Following simple instructions
- Understanding "why" questions
- Speaking in simple sentences
- Engaging with stories, rhymes and songs

2. Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Talking about feelings (The Colour Monster)
- Building friendships and showing kindness
- Developing independence (toileting, dressing, routines)
- Sharing opinions
- Understanding rules and routines

3. Physical Development

- Gross motor outdoor activities
- Using tools and equipment safely
- Scissor skills and mark making
- Exploring "What can I do?"

4. Literacy

- Daily phonics (Twinkl Phonics)
- Recognising letter shapes, sounding and blending
- Writing names and familiar letters
- Learning parts of a book
- Oral storytelling

5. Maths

- Matching and sorting
- Making pairs and groups
- Comparing size, mass, capacity
- Exploring and creating patterns

6. Understanding the World

- Talking about families and how we've changed
- Looking at baby photos
- Exploring the school and local area
- Noticing seasonal changes
- Learning about farming and Harvest
- People who help us

7. Expressive Arts & Design

- Self-portraits
- Drawing homes
- Junk modelling
- Observational drawings of Autumn objects
- Singing and exploring pitch and melody
- Moving to music
- Looking at land artists and portrait artists

Key Vocabulary

Literacy & Communication Vocabulary

listen, talk, rhyme, story, book, page, title, author, illustrator, instructions, question ("why"), letter, sound, blend, name, mark making, oral storytelling

Maths Vocabulary

match, sort, pair, group, same, different, similar, compare, amount, size, mass, capacity, pattern

Topic Vocabulary

family, baby, grown-up, change, seasons, Autumn, leaves, community, people who help us, unique, special, feelings, kind, friend, celebration, Harvest

Ideas for Home Learning

Communication & Language

- Share stories and ask "why" questions
- Encourage talking about daily events
- Play simple listening games

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Talk about feelings using colours or emojis
- Encourage independence with dressing and toileting
- Practise kindness through sharing and turn-taking

Physical Development

- Outdoor play: running, climbing, balancing
- Practise scissor skills with safe materials
- Provide crayons, chalks and pens for mark making

Literacy

- Practise recognising letters in their name
- Read daily and talk about characters
- Tell simple oral stories together

Maths

- Sort socks, toys or food items
- Compare objects: heavier/lighter, bigger/smaller
- Make patterns with blocks, leaves or snacks

Understanding the World

- Look at baby photos and talk about growing
- Go on an Autumn walk and collect natural objects
- Talk about people who help us in the community

Expressive Arts & Design

- Draw family members or your home
- Create models using recycling
- Dance or move to different types of music

Additional Experiences This Term

Queenswood Trip

Reception Parent Information Evening

Autumn Walk

All About Me Box

Harvest Assembly