



# Lakeside News!

Reception

Autumn 1

## Message from the class teachers:

We've had a fantastic start to the term and are so proud of how well the children are settling into Reception life. It's been lovely to see their confidence growing each day as they explore the classroom, make new friends, and begin to develop their independence. At this stage, it's really helpful if you can continue to support your child at home with key self-care skills such as toileting, hand washing, eating independently and managing their own clothes—especially putting on and taking off coats and jumpers. Please also remember to label *all* items of clothing, as this makes it much easier to return things to the right children. The whole team is really excited to be working with you and your children, and we are looking forward to all the learning and fun ahead. Each half term, we will share a newsletter with you to keep you updated on what the children will be learning, exploring and experiencing in reception.

## An overview of learning this half term

Our first topic this term is called *I am special, I am Me*. We are learning all about ourselves, our bodies, our families, our feelings and the things that make us unique. Through stories, songs, art and play, the children are developing their speaking and listening skills, building relationships and exploring their sense of identity. It's been wonderful to hear the children talk about themselves with pride and curiosity! Over the coming weeks, we'll continue to build on this theme and encourage the children to express themselves confidently and kindly.

## Key dates this half term:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- Meet the teacher event

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

- MacMillan Coffee morning and afternoon

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

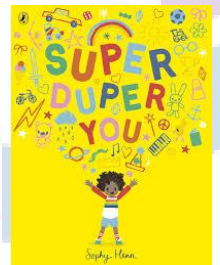
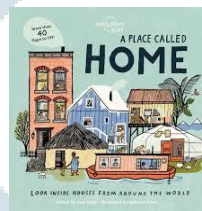
- Break up for half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

- School closed for INSET day

We will be sharing additional dates and events on Dojo with you so keep your eyes peeled!

## Books we will be learning



## Key Vocabulary



family



safe



community



home



welcome