

Welcome to Reception

We would like to say a very warm welcome to all the new children and families joining us in reception this year. We hope you are as excited as us about all the fantastic learning activities we have planned this half term.

This term's topic is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be learning all about others and ourselves and talking about our similarities and differences. We will be finding out about each other's families and friends and discussing our family customs and routines. We will be exploring our new school environment, learning the classroom rules and settling in to new school routines.

We will be learning how to hold our pencil correctly between our two fingers and thumb and use good control when mark making. We will be working hard to recognise different letter sounds and beginning to add labels and meaning to our work.

In maths we will be learning to count, match and sort objects, recognise numbers 1-5 and counting out the correct quantity. We will be looking at shapes with three and four sides and finding them in our environment.

How you can help at home.

This half term your child will be receiving a home/school reading book. Please try to read with your child at least 3 times a week in order to support their learning at school. Please sign in their school diary and comment on how they have read. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to Mrs Clark or Mrs Farley.

Please provide your child with pens and paper to practise their handwriting. They love to mark make, draw pictures and practise writing the letters they are learning in school.

Practise counting objects in your house and, when you are out and about look, for numbers on doors, buses and car number plates. Play different number games including 'I spy the number' and snakes and ladders. A good website to use is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>.

Talk to your child to talk about the changes in the weather and season. Observe the changes around them for example when the leaves are falling off the trees.

Reminders

- Please make sure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name including hats, gloves and coats.
- It is important your child has a PE kit in school every week consisting of black shorts, a white t-shirt and pumps. Please ensure they are in a bag with each item labelled with their name.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat with a hood or a hat to wear, as we will be using our outdoor area for learning.
- Please remember to check the school website, Arbor and Facebook for any updates and home learning activities.
- Please complete the 'You're a Star' slip below if your child does anything amazing or new at home. We will share it with the rest of the class!
- Once your children receives their reading book it will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. Please make sure the children bring them back into school on these days and that their diary has been signed.
- To support your child's learning they will be provided with a weekly BLT on a Friday which should be completed by the following Thursday.

You're a Star!

Name

Achievement

