



## Reception Newsletter

### Classes RL and RH

As we begin our Reception journey, this half term we will be focussing on ourselves. This topic enables children to develop self-awareness and to settle, look at themselves and to get to know their classmates. It also helps children to look at their own and others' special qualities and to start to consider the idea of equality.

#### In **Phonics**:

We follow Read Write Inc. which is a complete literacy programme which helps all children learn to read fluently and at speed so they can focus on developing their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling. In Reception all children will learn how to 'read' the sounds in words and how those sounds can be written down. We will begin with Set 1 sounds, where the children will learn to read the sounds which the letters of the alphabet make.

In Maths, some of the things we will practise are:

- Counting
- Matching
- Sorting
- Comparing and ordering
- Patterns

During **Indoor PE (Wednesday)** we will be focusing on Dance based on Nursery Rhymes. We will be focussing on remembering and performing a basic sequence of movement when led by a teacher.

In **Outdoor PE (Monday)** our unit is Locomotion. We will be learning how to find a space, walking forwards and backwards, working as part of a team and jumping and hopping.

In Reception Understanding the World is broken down into three areas:

- People and Communities
- The World
- Technology

An example of some questions that prompt learning in this area are:

- How am I the same? How am I different?
- What makes a family?
- Why do I look like I do?
- What I like best is....
- Where in the world do my family come from?
- What can I do with my body?

Our creative areas are broken down into two areas:

- Creating with Materials
- Being Imaginative and Expressive

An example of what we will be doing in this area is designing and building our own house and self-portraits.

#### **Messages and reminders**

Please make sure you are logging on to Tapestry to see what the children are doing at school. We also love to see what the children are up to over the weekend! Please feel free to send us some pictures and the children will have the opportunity to share this with their friends in school.

Wellies- Please provide your children with a pair of named wellies which will stay in school for our outdoor learning! As we are outdoors in all weathers, it would be beneficial if you could also send in a puddle suit for your child to keep in school.