



RECEPTION HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you and your children had a lovely Summer break and it is great to welcome the children into school for their Reception year. The children have settled into school well and are enthusiastic to try new activities and make new friends. We also welcome you as partners in your child's education and we look forward to getting to know you, and your children, much better over the coming year.

As we settle into our first half term and the children get to know the routines and become more comfortable with the full school day, we will be encouraging the children to take part in the activities relating to our topic of "Marvellous Me!"

The children will be doing lots of reading and writing activities, many of which will be based on teaching phonics. These activities will be closely linked to many areas of learning across the curriculum. Number and concepts in Maths will also be taught through a variety of practical approaches. The children will hopefully see these tasks as "play and fun!" The children will visit the studio each week for musical sessions, the ICT suite to use the computers and also the hall for PE. The children will access the outdoor classroom area as often as possible but will also have a structured PE lesson outside on **Thursday** afternoons. The indoor PE sessions for each class are on Tuesday.

Please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit ready hanging on their peg **with every item named clearly! All earrings must be removed on the two PE days—thank you for your cooperation.**

The children are enjoying reading books and are always keen to choose books to bring home to share with you. Book bags come home each Tuesday and Friday and we would like them to come back to school on Mondays and Thursdays please. Our cursive handwriting script is attached for your reference in homework books. Please encourage your child to practise the correct formation of each letter. All the letters now begin on the line and move upwards. We would really appreciate your assistance with this area of learning.

On a Tuesday (beginning 12th September) talking homework will be included. This will be linked to the themes being addressed in school that week and we would appreciate you taking the time to talk with your child, as this will help them with activities at school. On a Friday (beginning 15th September) there will be sets of prepared sounds/words work for you to practise with your child. This is really important as we value a working partnership with our parents.