



# Reception Class

## What are we learning about this half term?

During the first few weeks of this half term our learning will be based around the theme of 'Marvellous Me'. We will be exploring what makes us unique, as well as how we grow and change and our 5 senses. Our theme will then change to 'Dinosaurs' where we will be dinosaur hunters, or palaeontologists as they prefer to be known and discovering dinosaur facts.

### Literacy

As readers, we will be;

- Listening to and discussing a selection of stories and information books about families, our amazing bodies and dinosaurs.
- Learning and reciting a repetitive text.
- Learn letter sounds, names and actions.

As writers, we will be;

- Using print to show meaning by recording our ideas using letters and marks.

### Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Say and use number names in order and familiar contexts
- Count sets of objects reliably and match to the numeral.
- Use mathematical names for 2D shapes and mathematical terms to describe them.
- Use objects and shapes to make patterns

### Understanding of the World

- As scientists we will investigate our 5 senses and learn about how we grow and change.
- As geographers, we will explore our school environment.
- As historians, we will identify past and present events in our lives.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be reflecting on stories from the Bible and Harvest.
- As computer technicians, we will be creating pictures using paint software and learning photography skills.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will use percussion instruments to create sounds which represent different things (rain, wind, dinosaur footsteps) and sing simple songs
- As artists, we will be looking carefully at our facial features to create self-portraits. We will experiment with different mediums when creating dinosaurs.

### Physical Development

- As gymnasts, we will become aware of how to negotiate space safely and move freely.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be building relationships with familiar adults and peers and adapting our behaviour to social situations and changes to routine.

### School Value

- Our whole school value for this term is 'Trust'.

### Class Routines

- Your child will bring a 'Planner' home this week. This is a home school liaison book in which to comment on reading, keywords, to let school know of any changes to their normal routine and other relevant information. Planners need to be in school everyday.
- Starting the week beginning 25th September, P.E. will be on Fridays. Sports sessions started today and will be every Tuesday afternoon. An outdoor kit will be required on a Tuesday from 26th September.
- 'Sharing Stories' will be sent home this week. These are not reading books, but a story to enjoy and talk about together. Your child can choose a book from our class story box each week to share at home with you.
- Reading books and keywords will be sent home next week. Initially these reading books will have just pictures, as your child becomes more confident with their keywords and letter sounds, books with words will be sent home. Remember to record in the planner when your child reads at home or practises their keywords.
- A Reception Parent's meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm where more information will be given. We hope to see you all there.