

Autumn Newsletter.



Let us start by saying a big thank you to both yourselves and the children on a wonderful start to the first term in Reception. The children have come in looking smart, ready to learn and with smiles on their faces.

Curriculum



This term we will be baselining the children which means we will be finding out where they are with their learning and knowledge and that allows us to plan our activities accordingly. This is **not** a test and the children will not even realise that we are doing it.

Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me' and we will be exploring how we can be the same and different. As part of this topic, we will also be looking at some of the people who help us in the community. One of these will be the dentist so if anybody works in a dentist or is a dentist it would be lovely to hear from you.

We will also be following children's interests and some of the celebrations that occur around the world at this time of year.

In Reception, we will be putting a greater emphasis on the personal improvement characteristics which include being an independent learner and thinker, collaborator, imaginative and creative thinker amongst many others. These will underpin our teaching and learning experiences for the children.

Tapestry

We will be using Tapestry as a means of capturing Wow learning moments in school. Please use Tapestry to send us photos from home of any Wow moments your child may have. We love to see them. If you have any issues, please speak to Mrs Brunning.

Cooking

During the term we will be cooking with the children as this is an important area of their learning and crosses many different subjects from maths to knowledge of the world. However to do this we ask for a voluntary contribution of £4 per child per term to help with the cost. This can be given to the class teacher. Thank you in advance.

Clothing

Please make sure that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their bag including socks and pants as not only may they have an accident but we do go out in all weathers and despite providing them with waterproof clothing, they still somehow manage to get wet or muddy. Also please ensure that your child brings a coat to school (preferably waterproof) and has a pair of wellies that can stay here as we do

use the outside area all year round.



PE and Forest Frolics

On **Fridays** the children will have PE and forest frolics. It is **essential** that the children **come in to school in their school PE kit** on Fridays.

Forest Frolics

On Friday afternoons, the children will spend the afternoon investigating and learning in our wooded area and exploring the pond. This will be in all weathers so please ensure that your child has a coat and welly boots in school. Although we do have wet weather clothes, it would be helpful if your child could bring in waterproof trousers to wear. **Please do not buy any if you do not have them.**

We look forward to the term ahead.

The Reception Team