

### **The World**

During this first half term our topic of 'Marvellous Me' explores everything that makes us unique and special. We will be celebrating our differences and similarities in a variety of ways. We will introduce the concept of time, and time passing as we identify key events in our lives and place them in order. After Half Term, we will look at celebrations around the world: Diwali, Christmas as well as developing observation and investigation skills within the topic of Changing Seasons.

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

We will focus on extending the children's abilities to listen, understand and speak during this term. This will be done through targeted activities to develop their vocabulary, confidence and skills to share and express their thoughts and ideas, whilst also developing the ability to listen and respond appropriately, to those of other people. Vocabulary specific to Marvellous Me, Seasons, Celebrations and maths units will be taught, modelled and explored with the children.

### **Literacy**

We will be focusing on Nursery Rhymes then the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' by Eric Carle to begin this term. We encourage children to write sounds independently after learning them in Phonics and we will support those who require a challenge to blend sounds and write full words or short sentences.

### **Moving and Handling.**

PE lessons will teach a variety of fundamental movement skills. Children will also be practising developing their fine motor skills of cutting, pencil use and mark making during continuous provision activities in class. They will be encouraged become independent in dressing and undressing. We will also begin to explore the importance of keeping our bodies clean and healthy.

### **Phonics and Reading**

We will be using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme to learn to read and write sounds, as well as blend them together in order to read words. This term we will continue our learning about diagraphs (2 letters making one sound). Please continue to work through the phonic practice sheets which are sent home each Friday to consolidate the children's learning.

### **Reading**

We will be reading a variety of texts as a class reader from the Notre Dame Reading Spine.



### **Personal, Social & Emotional Development**

The children will explore our school Golden Values and Mindset focus for this term. They will also deepen their understanding of managing their feelings and behaviour, relationship building and explore how they can

### **Exploring Art and Design**

Through continuous provision and adult led activities, we will develop children's skills to use measuring jugs, folding skills, fixing methods, clay, kitchen utensils and cutting equipment.

The opportunities for Music, Dance and singing is embedded in the children's school day. They will listen and respond to different styles of music whilst also having the chance to create their own.

Maths learning is embedded within the continuous provision in the Reception areas.

### **Number**

We build on the children's understanding of number during the term by matching numbers and quantities - learning to read and write numerals up to 10. We will begin to look at the concept of "one more".

### **Shape, Space and Measure**

We will learn to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. During our daily timetable the children will learn the days of the week and events which happen on these days in their lives.

Cookery activities will also continue to develop the children's confidence in measuring mass, capacity, length and height.

### **Technology**

Children will learn about the role of technology in our environment during their ICT lessons.

### Dates for the diary:

**17th September 2024** - Infants' Welcome Afternoon  
Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for Parents - date tbc

### October

**7th October 2024 - Feast of Notre Dame du Rosaire** - whole school mass

**15th October 2024** – Parents' Evening - details to follow

**16th October 2024** – Early Parents' Evening - details to follow

**28th October - 1st November 2024** – Half term Break

### December

**Week of 1st December 2024** - Infant Nativity Week - details to follow

**19th December 2024** - Christmas Party Day. Details to follow

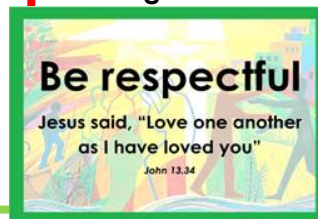
**20th December 2024** – Term ends

### Things to remember:

PE kit needed **after** half term. Children will not be able to participate in PE if they are wearing earrings. If they cannot remove their earrings themselves, they must be taped over at home before they come to school. They will only need a named t shirt and shorts in a PE bag.

Please make sure that anything that comes into school has your child's name clearly labelled on it.

**If you are able, we would ask that your child brings in £5 to contribute towards the cooking activities which will take place over the year. Thank you.**



### Don't forget...

All children have fruit and water for their mid-morning snack. Please ensure they have a **named** piece of fruit **separate** to their lunch box and a **named** water bottle with them in the morning. We aim to play and learn outside whenever possible. Please make sure children have a named coat with them each morning.

### Home-learning Information

**Guided Reading** - The children will be given a phonics home reader each week. It is very important that the children get the chance to practise reading the book at home to an adult. Please try to read each book three times each week. **Please sign your child's white reading record** with a short comment once your child has read the book at home and keep the book in their book bag so that it is in school every day. We will collect their reading book and reading records in on a Thursday and return to their book bags on Friday.

We will visit our school Library once a week (day tbc). One library book may be borrowed at a time and should be returned before the next Library session. These are books for you to share and read to your children, to encourage their love of reading. Please remember that it is as valuable to them to talk about the story, the characters and the words in the book as it is to simply read the text.

**Phonics** - We will send home a phonics learning sheet every Friday with their new phonics reading book – please practise the graphemes and words on the sheet at home with your child.

### Contacting us

#### **Check out what we're up to on Class Dojo.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. Messages about illness or absence should be left with the school secretary to pass on. Non urgent messages can be Dojo'd to us and we will endeavour to respond to those as quickly as possible.

