



Reception Class Newsletter – Autumn 1 Half Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first half term it has been in Reception! We are so proud of how well all the children have settled into school life. They have shown great enthusiasm, kindness, and curiosity as they have explored their new environment, made new friends, and embraced lots of new learning opportunities.

Our Learning This Half Term

Our topic this half term has been "Marvellous Me!"

We have been learning all about ourselves, our families, and what makes us unique. The children have enjoyed sharing their "All About Me" booklets, drawing self-portraits, and talking about their homes and favourite things.

In Phonics, we have started Phase 2 sounds and are practising blending simple words like *sat*, *pin*, and *tap*. We have begun writing simple labels and reading tricky words. We have shared many stories and begun learning new songs.

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers to 6, matching quantities, and recognising numerals. We have also explored patterns and shapes through fun, hands-on activities.

In Understanding the World, we spoke about our own family history and simple timelines and begun exploring the changing seasons Summer to Autumn, talking about changes we see and feel. Also, we found out about Diwali, the Hindu and Sikh festival of light.

Creative Highlights

- We created some imaginative junk model structures
- The children have drawn and painted self-portraits using mirrors.
- We learned new songs in music, including *Shoulders, Knees and Toes*, *we went to the animal fair* and *Monday's child*!
- Listening to a real saxophone and created our own rhythms using untuned instruments.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We've spent time building friendships, learning classroom routines, and talking about feelings. The children are learning how to share, take turns, and use kind words — and they're doing brilliantly!

Reminders and Notices

- Reading books: Please continue to share your child's reading book and record their reading in the reading record each night. Little and often makes a big difference!
- PE days: Monday - children **will not** need PE kits until after Christmas.
- Spare clothes: A reminder to keep a spare set of clothes in your child's bag, just in case.
- Autumn 2 topic: Next half term we will be theme will be 'Starry night, Sparkle and Shine'.

A Big Well Done!

We are so proud of how much independence the children are already showing! From hanging up their coats to collecting their lunch from the canteen and tidying up in the classroom, they are growing in confidence every day. Please continue to encourage your child to put on their own coat and fasten the zip — either independently or by starting it for them and letting them finish.

Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support this half term — it really helps your child to thrive. We hope you have a restful half-term break, and we look forward to another exciting term ahead!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Carter, Mrs Spring and the Reception team.



