

**Autumn | Topic Letter:** What a brilliant start to school the children have had so far. The children are adapting well to school life and our school routines in the reception classrooms. Our school topics in reception for this first half of the autumn term include 'Marvellous Me & My Family', and 'Amazing Autumn'. During this topic we are providing opportunities for the children to grow in confidence, try new activities, initiate new friendships, share ideas, and speak clearly to friends and adults. Just below, you can see an overview of the activities taking place this half term.

### Home Learning Task:

Please upload to Tapestry via observation, an idea that your child has shared with you about how to be kind to others. You could also stick on a photo of your child doing something kind. Think about sharing, helping with jobs around the house, tidying up, encouraging friends and family, saying kind words and using our manners.

**Due Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> October**



### **Starting School & Home Visits (2 weeks)**

During our first topic of the term, both adults and children will really get to know each other. The children will make new friends and learn each other's names. The children will explore the new classroom environment and base area and learn how to access the resources within it. We know that the children will settle in well and do a brilliant job of remembering the classroom routines.



### **Marvellous Me & My Family (3 weeks)**

For our next topic, the children will identify their own feelings and feelings of others through circle time and creative art opportunities. Children will also learn about the primary colours and how to mix them to create new colours. The children will also draw self-portraits and learn to talk positively about themselves and their favourite things. Children will also be given opportunities to discuss their very special families. We also have a very special sharing day where children will be allowed to bring a favourite toy to school and learn to share it with their friends. We will talk about the favourite toys of our relatives (Parents/Grandparents). Our literacy focus will be on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Throughout the topic, we will learn the story and add actions to it. In maths, the children will be learning about the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Children will also be learning how to form letters linked to phonics learning.

### **Amazing Autumn (2 weeks)**

The following topic will be 'Amazing Autumn'. The children will observe changes in nature, discussing specifically autumn seasonal changes. We will make observations from a collection of leaves, seeds, pine cones, acorns, and more that we will collect on an autumn nature walk. Children will also create an autumn collage from natural objects. The next literacy focus will be on the text 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins.

Children will continue to form letters and write words linked to their phonics knowledge. In maths, we will be exploring 2D and 3D shape.



### PE Information:

PE days are as follows for both classes:

**Monday - Indoor PE**

**Wednesday - Outdoor PE**

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing earrings on PE days. Please ensure long hair is tied back and children are not wearing any bracelets or jewelry.

Thank you.



Please remember to frequently check your child's book bag for letters.