

Reception Newsletter

Marvellous Me!

Autumn 1 2026

This half term our topic is **Marvellous Me.**

We will be looking many different books related to the topic, such as:

- ♦ Who Are You?
- ♦ The Great Big Book of Families
- ♦ Can I Be Your Dog?
- ♦ The Colour Monster
- ♦ The Great Big Book of Feelings
- ♦ Pumpkin Soup
- ♦ The Leaf Thief



During this first term we will welcome the children to reception and help them to settle into their new routines in their reception classrooms. We will focus on developing their awareness of 'ourselves' and will celebrate similarities and differences between themselves and their friends. They will have the opportunity to explore different emotions and recognise what makes them feel in certain ways. We will discuss families and our school to help them to develop their sense of identity and belonging.

Through autumn we will be looking at the changes that happen within our environment linked to the seasons and weather and the impact on themselves and animals.

Dates for your diary

- 8.9.26 First day of reception
- 22.10.26 Pumpkin Parade
- 22.10.26 Break up for half-term
- 2.11.26 Return to school

Children will take part in daily phonic sessions and will segment to blend and read CVC words. They will be encouraged to take part in a range of mark making activities both indoor and outdoors, including name writing, writing about themselves, their family and their friends.

In maths, they will start by looking at matching, sorting and comparing sets of objects. They will learn about measures and patterns. They will develop their knowledge of numbers 1, 2, 3 by finding, subitising and recognising them.



How you can help

- Look at books with your child, read them a bedtime story and ask them to tell you what the story was about. Encourage them to write their name by themselves with pencils, pens or chalk outside!
- Look at small groups of objects and ask your child 'What do you see?' Encourage them to subitise objects up to 3.

Useful websites:

- Numberblocks on cbeebies <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>
- Alphablocks on cbeebies www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks