

11th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We look forward to welcoming you for the first half of the Autumn term in Reception! We are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned ahead for this.

During this time, the children in Reception will be working on getting to know one another. They will be learning all about their school day, routines and expectations of behaviour. The 13th of September is **Roald Dahl** day, the children will be working on their fine motor skills by colouring different sheets of Roald Dahl themed papers. The week beginning the 14th September we are going to talk to the children about keeping themselves safe by listening to Pantosaurus song. We are also reading the **Dinosaurs Love Underpants** book. During our Talk for Writing lessons we are going to retell **Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle**.

The topic this term is '**All About Me**' and we are drawing our happy faces which is up on the boards in our classes.

We are going to read **Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes**, **The Gruffalo** and **Willy the Dreamer** stories.

In phonics the children will learn/repeat Phase 1 Aspect 7 - oral blending and segmenting from the Letters & Sounds Phonic Programme. We will also be working on Phonemes and grapheme recognition.

In Physical Development - the children are going to continue to trace / copy /write their name.

In Maths - the children are going to learn patterns.

In Understanding the world - we are going to talk about the weather, look at the colours of Autumn and also think about the people who help us.

In Technology - we are going to make marks on IWB and IPADs.

Please remind your children that they should not be bringing in toys from home, as the school cannot be responsible for their loss, theft or damage.

Attendance is crucial for children to make good progress this coming year. If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the school by 9.00 am to inform of the reason for absence. A note must also be written explaining your child's absence on their return to school.

Uniform – All children are expected to come to school in full uniform as this is reflective of their learning and their attitude towards school.

We are happy to speak to you on the phone if you have any concerns, questions or problems. Please call or email the office and make an appointment to talk to the class teachers at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for all of your support,

The Reception Team (Mrs Bikauskaite, Miss D'Cruz, Mrs Wilden, Miss Doyle & Mrs Ashwini)