# Reception Autumn 1



## **Newsletter**





All Different - All Equal

# Reception



Maple & Oak

Mrs Sawyer, Miss Jukes & Mrs Khan



Our topic this half term is:

Super me, Super you!



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we are settling in, we will be getting to know different names in our new school family and developing confidence to speak to others and in front of the class. The children will be introduced to our school expecations and behaviour policy and praised as they follow these. Staff will encourage children to seek out adults if they need help.

### Physical Development

We will be taking part in a variety of activities to develop our gross motor skills. The children will develop independence when putting their coats on and using cutlery. During lessons, the children will also be encouraged to sit with good posture.



## English and Phonics

This half term, we will be reading 'A Superhero Like You' by Dr Ranj. We will be starting to learn our Phase 2 phonemes in Phonics along with tricky and high frequency words to help us read and write. Please see your homework sheet for a list of these.

Mrs Sawyer will soon invite you to a Phonics workshop in school.

#### Communication and Language

During our first half term, we will be practising our listening skills when following instructions and listening to stories. We will also be learning new vocabulary linked to our topic, e.g. different occupations in the community.



#### Understanding the world

We will be looking closely at changes in the weather and natural objects as our season changes. We will compare ourselves to our friends, celebrating similarities and differences. Through role play, we will be looking at the superheroes we have within the community and the many ways people help us. Using maps, we will identify where we live.

#### RE

During RE lessons, we will be reflecting on our All Different, All Equal vision and explore why God is important to Christians.

#### Maths

This half term, we will begin to look at the



Numberblocks programme. We will begin to explore the values of numbers 1-4 and develop our knowledge of number bonds, addition, subtraction and subitising skills.

#### Reading & Homework

During this half term, we will be sending home some reading books and reading records. It is likely that your child will receive a picture book to begin with. Please discuss the images, support your child's vocabulary and imagine possibilities in the story. Please read with your child every night and log this in their reading record. Keep these reading materials in your child's school bag every day to enable us to read with your child in school. You will be receiving a homework sheet every half term with topic related activities. Remember to add your own observations on your child's Tapestry profile.

#### **Information & Key Dates**

No jewellery should be worn in school. Please bring a clear, named water bottle to school every day.

PE Day – Friday, please come to school wearing your PE kit.

Please make sure you have signed your agreement and activated your Tapestry account to see photos of your child at school. If you have any questions, please ask. Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1:45pm.

## Expressive Arts & Design

We will be creating selfportraits with a range of different media such as paint, collage materials pastels. These

will be displayed in our Reception art gallery.

