



Dear parents and carers,

This term we will be focusing on the topic, "This is me."

During this topic, we will be getting to know your child, exploring their likes and dislikes as well as building and developing their relationships with other children and adults in the classroom.

In our learning, we will be focusing on the following:

- Recognising and writing our names
- Being able to use scissors correctly and cut out simple shapes.
- Beginning to identify letters of the alphabet and form these correctly.
- Share and turn take, participating in group games.
- Count to and beyond 10, starting to recognise these numbers.

In your child's homework folder, we have provided you with the following to help develop these skills at home:

- **Name writing sheet** – your child can write over their name with the provided whiteboard pen, filling in the missing letters until they can write their name independently.
- **Number flash cards** – you can use these to practice number recognition, number orders and matching amounts to numbers with items around the house.
- **Phonics A4 sheet (double sided)**– these show the order of sounds we will learn together with our phonics scheme.

### Dates for your diary this term

W/K 3: Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>Focus: Things I like to do</i> Please bring in photos of anything your child likes to do!
W/K 6: Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Focus: Where I live</i> Please bring in a stamp and envelope, we will be writing letters home on our outing to the post box.
W/K 7: Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Focus: Growing up</i>  Please bring in a picture of your child as a baby.

Look forward to seeing you this term,

Yours faithfully,

Miss N Hipgrave  
EYFS Teacher.

# Autumn Term 1 in Reception



## Maths

During their maths lessons, the children will start by looking at different number songs and start to be able to count objects and sounds.

## Literacy

During our literacy lessons, we start the year with Write Dance sessions, where children develop their large and fine motor skills to help us become effect writers. We will start looking at the fantastic lens' to develop an understanding of the unique child. Children will begin their phonics journey with daily phonics lessons, learning 2 new sounds a week.

## Science

This term, we will be looking at our senses, understanding the world around us and how we use our 5 senses to explore this. The children will be introduced to smells, textures and tastes as we discuss what we like and dislike.

## PSHE

In PSHE this term, the children will explore the feelings of belonging; recognising and managing feelings; understanding their rights and responsibilities.

## Geography

In our Geography lessons, this term we will be looking at where the children live and learning that Newbury is a town. Children will have the opportunity to visit the local post box and send letters home.

## PE

The children will learn all about moving and negotiating space. They will learn to change independently for their PE lesson as well as learn the importance of exercise and how to warm up and cool down.

## Art

This term, the children will begin to explore colour. They will have exposure to the colour wheel and what the primary colours are. The children will develop their exploration skills through mixing colours and investigating how colours can be changed. They will finish the term by creating a self- portrait.

## RE

In RE, we will focus on Christianity and Judaism, looking at family and people who are special to us. We will discuss who Jesus is and why Christians believe he was special.

## History

In our History lessons, we will discuss and share how we have changed as we grow. This will involve how we are different from when we were babies to now, exploring how we change as we get older.