

**Dates for your diary!**

Thursday 24th September—Class photo for the Chorley Guardian

Monday 28th September—Parent Chats-1pm–7pm

Tuesday 13th October—Reception curriculum meeting for parents 6pm via Zoom (details to follow nearer the time)

Friday 23rd October—End of half term  
School closes 3.30pm

We very much look forward to getting to know you and your children this half term.

With best wishes,  
Mrs Ash, Mrs Critchley &  
Mrs Orchard

**Reception**  
Our topic is  
**'Marvellous Me'**



**Autumn Term 1 2020**

Please turn over to find out some of the things we will be doing in our class.



**Class News**

**Hello from Mrs Ash**

Welcome again to our school!

I've been looking forward to the start of a new school year and helping your child settle into school life and being part of our Reception class. All the children have made a great start, coming into the classroom by themselves and settling into the routine of school. They have been amazing at lunchtimes and going out to play on the playground. We're very proud of them and I'm sure you as parents are too!

Thank you for sending photos and books for your child's 'Marvellous Me' collage—these will make a super display in class.

Our days for P.E. are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Wednesday is our main PE lesson so please come dressed in PE kit and trainers.

On a Wednesday afternoon, the infants take part in Wonderful Wednesday activities which consists of baking, craft, and art. The focus of our Wednesday afternoons this half term is art and baking—the children will be bringing home their yummy bakes on the day! My door is always open, so if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask or email.

With best wishes **Mrs Ash**

**Topic theme 'Marvellous Me'**

Our first topic of the year gives the children the opportunity to explore all about themselves, families, likes/dislikes, physical features etc. and get to know everyone in our new class. We will also investigate our five senses and explore colours in our creative



**RE**

In R.E. we will give the children an understanding that they are unique and special; to know that they are loved and valued by God. At Harvest time we will also understand why we say thank you to God. We will discuss our favourite foods and why it is important to help others.

**Phonics**

All children will soon receive a sound book in which we will stick in the sounds taught that week. Please practise these sounds and handwriting at home and ensure the book is always in the children's bags everyday. Please keep them in their clear wallets to protect them. To start with, we aim to learn 2 or 3 sounds a week. More information about our approach to phonics will be given at the curriculum information evening via Zoom on Tuesday 13th October at 6pm.

**Literacy and Maths**

**Literacy**

In Literacy, we will have our daily phonics sessions and we will enjoy a range of books through our whole class activities. This half term we will be focusing on books which celebrate difference, and how adults, children and families come in all shapes and sizes! Children learn to write their names legibly thinking about developing correct pencil grip and letter formation. We will then move on to stories with repeating patterns to help children be able to re-tell and act out. To link in with Harvest time we will also read The Enormous Turnip.

**Maths**

In Maths we will learn to read, write and count numbers to 10. We will also focus on recognising some two dimensional shapes e.g. square, circle, triangle. During our maths sessions we will develop our mathematical language e.g. be able to describe more/less, bigger/smaller.

