

**Dates for your diary!**

Friday 15th September—Celebration Worship  
Reception children to place a blue pebble in our  
school  
family bowl.

Tuesday 3rd October—Reception  
Welcome Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 10th October—Parents' Evening

Friday 20th 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,  
Ms Lucas, Mrs Critchley and Miss  
Dent.

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



**Autumn Term 1 2023**

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



**Class News**

**Hello from Ms Lucas**

Welcome again to our school!

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 are as parents too!

As the term progresses and the weather turns cooler, please ensure that your child brings a coat with them to school everyday. Please also share with your child where their name labels are in their coats/jumpers/cardigans as some children are finding it hard to locate them if it has dropped off the peg. We encourage the children to put on their coats independently and would appreciate it if you would encourage the same at home. The children are trying hard to zip up their coats independently so that they can quickly wrap up warm when going out to play.

We will be joining the rest of school at church for the Harvest service as well as hoping to go on an Autumn Walk to Ransnap Woods at the end of half term. Please sign the consent form to say that we can walk out of school and explore the local area. My door is always open, so if you have any questions please don't hesitate

**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



**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

**Phonics**

Phonics is taught daily. Once we have got going we will share with you the sounds covered in class so that you can practise at home. More information about our approach to phonics will be given at the meeting on Tuesday 3rd October at 6pm.

**Literacy and Maths**

**Literacy**

In Literacy, 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 read The Enormous Turnip.

**Maths**

In Maths this term 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, big-

