



WC: 21/9/20 **OUR WEEK IN RECEPTION**

*-Together we learn and grow -*



**Reception pupils have settled in well to their transition groups and we are pleased to have welcomed all of the children in today so they can be together as a whole class! Please bear with us at collection and drop off as we try to support the children coming in as a group of 90!**

### A Nurturing Environment



The children will now have time together as a whole class. We will begin our PSHE learning focusing on discussing feelings around starting school and playing games to learn each other's names.

Adults will continue to promote independence with taking jumpers or coats off. Please practice this at home, we want the children to become as independent as possible!

### Phonics and early language skills

This week we will continue to talk about phonic sounds and what sounds we can hear in our names. We will sing songs, investigate loud and quiet sounds and also have a try at recognising some sounds. Reception staff will begin to assess the children in their phonological awareness to begin to identify their next steps in learning. The children will also begin 'The Poetry Basket' where they will learn a new poem each week.

The children will have opportunities to share what is special to them and we will be beginning to explore why everyone is special and unique as we begin our topic.

### Reading

Our topic this term is 'Magical me', the children will begin to read stories about characters who are of a similar age and share their own experiences in response to the stories they have heard. We will ask the children to share why they like or dislike a particular story and identify some of the favourite stories we love as a class. We will continue to listen to at least 3 stories a day, we would ask that you try to read a bedtime story each night to continue to encourage an early love of reading!

### Early mathematics

We will begin our baseline assessments of the children this week. The EYFS team are incredibly skilled at planning and leading play based assessments with the children. The children will be exploring numbers, saying number names, counting and beginning to think about the order of numbers.

We will also begin to talk about shapes and identify how shapes can be recognised by counting their sides carefully.

### Other Information

Please ensure children are bringing a water bottle, sun hat (if needed!) and jacket into school each day. The children have access to learning opportunities outdoors at all points throughout the day and it is important they have the relevant clothing for playing outside, whatever the weather! Can we remind families to label all uniform, water bottles, shoes and book bags, thank you!

### Thank you!

Thank you to all parents for your support at collection and drop off this week, we are beginning to learn the names of all of the children and match them to the correct family! We are so glad to have welcomed you into our Maple community, should you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office by email.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Reception team ☺

