

## Curriculum Letter for YR - Autumn Term 1 2023

### General Information

We are extremely proud of how well the children have settling into school life and we are looking forward to a fun-packed term first half term 😊.

As the weather is so changeable, please make sure your child has a coat in school every day and remember to name absolutely everything!

In Reception, parents are kindly asked for a voluntary termly donation of £3. This much needed fund enables our children to take part in regular messy play and cooking sessions, as well as helping to pay for replacement items throughout the year such as craft materials. The donation is paid for through ParentPay in three instalments throughout the school year. Many thanks in advance, for your support.

### Curriculum

Our topic this half term is ***Me and My Family***. This is a great start point for the children to find out about each other and to explore their interests and experiences. We will be reading lots of fantastic stories and doing a range of activities linked to them. Our key books are '*Barbara Throws a Wobbler*' by Nadia Shreen, '*So Much*' by Trish Cooke and '*What Makes me a Me?*' by Ben Faulks & David Tazzyman. We will also be reading lots of books linked to the theme of starting school.

Each term we explore the seasons, at the moment we are looking at ***Autumn*** and finding out about how things change over time. We will be using a great resource on our doorstep, the school field! We will also be going on a nature walk to Aldersbrook Park.

We follow the ***Little Wandle*** phonics and reading programme. This includes daily whole class phonics lessons, as well as regular reading sessions, with an adult throughout the week. Once the children are fully settled, we will share more information with you about phonics and reading.

Maths will be taught daily, following the ***My Mastery*** scheme. To start off with, we will be counting a set of objects accurately and comparing amounts. We will also be focusing on reading and writing numerals. We will be using everyday objects to explore weight, length and capacity and recognising shapes in our surrounding environment.

### PE Days

PE is timetabled for Friday mornings with Coach Romaine, all children must wear their PE kits to school. PE starts on Friday 22nd September. PE takes place in small groups with the children learning to play games together which focus on developing their gross motor skills.

### Reading

Children will bring home a library book each Friday to share with their family. After a few weeks, the children will be given a phonics activity or reading book. More details to follow.

### Homework

Each Friday we set a short homework activity. This is either a hands-on activity, a talk task or an assignment on *Busy Things*. The task will reinforce learning that has taken place during the school week.

*With God's love, we live, learn and grow together*



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### Key Dates and Events

22nd September	Reception parents coffee morning in the small hall after morning drop off
29th September	Macmillan coffee morning. All parents welcome
29th September	Parent welcome meeting in the main hall at 3:00 p.m.
3rd October	Parent workshop phonics and reading in the main hall at 3:00 p.m.
23rd - 27th October	Half term
30th October	INSET day. School closed