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Welcome! I hope you have all had a great holiday and are looking forward to your child's first term in Reception. Each half term you will receive a curriculum letter to give you a brief outline of what your child will be working on. This half term, as well as the activities planned from the children's own learning and interests we will be learning about.....

Marvellous Me!

We will base our work on a range of books including *Oliver's Vegetables* (Vivian French), *Freddie and the Fairy* (Julia Donaldson, Karen George), *The Gingerbread Man*, *Handa's Surprise* (Eileen Browne) and *What's That Noise* (William Carmen). We will also use a range of non-fiction books about our bodies and our senses.

In Reception activities are of a cross-curricular nature. This half term's activities will include... Lots of activities to help your child settle in and learn all the new routines at school, especially lunchtime. Activities that use our senses including walks around the



school environment to discover what we can see, hear, smell and touch. A variety of cooking and tasting activities linked to our harvest celebrations, painting portraits of ourselves and printing using vegetables and fruit.



In Reception the children will have a daily phonics session practicing all single letters and blends (using Jolly Phonics) and how to blend and segment words. Children will be given lots of opportunities to take part in early reading and writing activities. When your child is ready we will send home a reading book.

We will also have a daily counting activity. We will be counting to 20 and beyond and play lots of games to help number recognition. We will also be counting different objects to practice 1-1 correspondence to ensure accurate counting. Your child will be given lots of opportunities to solve problems and to add and subtract practically.

At home.....Please talk to your children about their senses and what they can see, hear, touch, taste and smell around them.

We would be very grateful for the following...

- Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes in case of accidents. These can be kept in their PE bag.
- A pair of named wellingtons to keep at school would also be appreciated for any of our outdoor activities.
- Please supply your child with a named water bottle (water only please rather than juice).

A reminder of some important dates.

- Tea and tissues on Friday 6th September.
- Our Welcome Service will be on Monday 16th September at 9.30 at church. All parents are very welcome and if you are able to help us walk the children to church that would be much appreciated.
- All parents/carers are very welcome at our first Reception Stay and Play session on Wednesday 18th September at 2.15pm. Please be aware that due to health and safety considerations we are unable to accommodate younger siblings at these sessions.
- Our Reception curriculum evening is on Thursday 26th September at 6pm when we will explain how we teach core skills and how you can support your child at home.

If you have any queries please come in and ask.

Madeleine Garner