

Reception- Autumn 1



Dear Parents/ Carers,

A very warm welcome to the Unicorn class!

As a school we have been working hard on producing an exciting new inquiry-based curriculum to inspire curiosity and embed a love for learning in all our pupils. We are now in our second year of this curriculum. In the Unicorn class, our topic title is *'That's Life!'*. This title falls under the theme heading of, *'Humankind and Ourselves'*, which is being explored uniquely across the school in all year groups. We will be discovering what makes the children individual, exceptional and special.

As a class we will be creating our own classroom rules, which will provide the children with a sense of belonging and ownership of their environment. We will also think about our bodies and which parts we use to help us move, think, taste, see, smell, listen and touch. Another aspect to our learning will focus on the seasons and in particular about the features of Autumn. Throughout the term we continue to build relationships with each other and adults in the school and develop our personal, social and emotional skills.

Autumn 1 Lines of Inquiry:

- What am I made of?
- How is my body connected to the senses?
- What happens in Autumn?

As of next week we will be beginning our Phase 2 Phonics programme, Unlocking Letters and Sounds as well as our maths scheme. Weekly updates will be added to Class Dojo so that you can see what we have been learning. An activation letter has been sent home for Class Dojo so please let me know if you are having any problems with this. The children are being assigned a Year 4 Buddy in the coming weeks which provides the younger pupils a familiar face for support as well as giving the Year 4s a sense of responsibility.

We cannot wait to have a lot of fun this year in the Unicorn Class with everything we have planned! The Unicorn Team - Miss Evans, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bridgeman.

Dates & Information

- **PE** is on Monday and Friday afternoons with Mr Scriven. Please keep PE kits in school and we will send them home for washing half termly.
- **Monday 22nd September** Unicorns parent information session at 5pm in our class. This session will include phonics information and how you can support your child at home.
- Children are entitled to **free milk** until the term after they turn 5. This will then need to be ordered through the **cool milk website**.
- **Please do check weekly office bulletins for reminders and additional school information as well as the school website.**