

Reception- Autumn 1



Dear Parents/ Carers,

A very warm welcome to the Unicorn class!

To kick start off the new year, as a School we have been working hard on producing an exciting new inquiry-based curriculum to inspire curiosity and inbed a love for learning in all our pupils. In the Unicorn class, we are going to be exploring 'All About Me'. 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 be exploring different types of families, the children's birthdays and how we can be healthy and make positive choices for ourselves. The children will have opportunities to paint, draw, create, research, work in teams, build, cook and continue to build relationships with each other and the teaching staff along with much much more.

As of next week will be beginning our Phase 2 Phonics programme, Unlocking Letters and Sounds. We will of course also be starting our maths Scheme too. The children are being assigned a Year 4 Buddy which provides the younger pupils a familiar face for support as well as giving the Year 4s a sense of responsibility. We will keep you up to date when your child has been paired up with their buddy. Please do check your emails for a log in for Class DoJo and let me know if you are having any problems with activating this. Class DoJo is a communication platform we will be using to share the children's learning and development including weekly updates and photos of learning.

Autumn 1 Lines of Inquiry:

- Who am I? (Connection)
- Are all families the same? (Cycle)
- Why is a healthy lifestyle important? (Survival)

We cannot wait to have a lot of fun this year in the Unicorn Class with everything we have planned! The Unicorn Team – Mrs Gratton, Mr Scriven and Mrs Bridgeman.

Dates & Information

- **PE** is on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Scriven. Please keep PE kits in school and we will send them home for washing half termly.
- **Monday 23rd September** Reception parent information session at 3pm in our class. This session will include phonics information and how you can support your child at home.
- **Celebrating Grandparents Day 2024: Grandparent afternoon on Tuesday 8th October.** With our inquiry topic in mind, we would love for the children's grandparent/s to join us for cake and a story at 245pm on Tuesday 8th October 2024. An Auntie/ Uncle or other family member are of course welcome if a Grandparent is unable to make it.
- **Please do check weekly office bulletins for reminders and additional School information.**