

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin this first newsletter by congratulating your children on coping so well during their first sessions at school. We have had lots of fun together and it has been a pleasure getting to know everyone. We have been very impressed with how quickly they have settled in and with their independence and attitude to learning.

### **Our Learning**

We are really looking forward to the topic ahead and all the exciting events we have along the way. This term's topic is: 'Marvellous Me'. We will begin the topic with a focus on us as individuals and will then work on us understanding how we are all the same yet different. We will work together to create class rules to help us work and play cooperatively with each other and will play lots of games to help us make new friends.

### **PE**

PE days will be on a Wednesday and Friday. We ask that the children bring their PE kit with them on a Monday morning and we will send it home again on a Friday. We will be doing outdoor PE whenever possible so please ensure they have a pair of plimsolls or trainers in their bag (no laces please).

### **Homework**

Please look out for a reading book and a reading record in your child's book bag. We ask that you read at least four times a week with your child and record this in the dated diary section of their reading record. We will initially be sending home books without words, this is an opportunity for your child to start the reading journey before they have learnt the skills of decoding. With these texts, encourage the use of the pictures to tell/ make up a story and begin to ask them questions about what they can see/ might think is happening. This is all good practice and will help to develop their comprehension skills.

### **And Finally...**

Please can we ask you to check that everything is labelled (including shoes!) as we can then reunite your child with lost property as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your support so far. We are really looking forward to working with you over the course of the year.

The Class R Team