

Oughton Primary and Nursery School

Marvellous Me!

Welcome to Reception class. We have an action packed term ahead of us! Our first topic will be Marvellous Me. The children will start this topic by looking at what we learn in school. They will meet the adults and their peers and begin to explore both the EYFS environment and that of the wider school. They will have the opportunity to become environment explorers by going on spider and minibeast hunt and an Autumn walk around the school grounds. Through this topic, the children will be able to share their experiences and celebrate what makes them special. They will begin to recognise the similarities and differences between themselves and others and will enjoy joining in with festivals such as the scarecrow festival and Diwali. The children will learn about our school expectations as well as what it means to be part of a class family, which includes sharing, taking turns, respecting the equipment and one another. Our PE sessions are on a Wednesday afternoon. Please provide your child with a pair of plain black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. These need to be named and left in school. We will send them home every school holiday.



During this term, your child will also learn about:

- Phase 2 and 3 phonics – we learn letter names and sounds to help us learn to read and write.
- Autumn changes in the garden, plants and wildlife
- Celebrations including Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas
- Rhymes and rhyming words
- Harvest and scarecrows
- Counting by rote and what numbers really are.
- Counting objects carefully
- How to use 'Numicon' to help counting and problem solving.



The children will concentrate on:

- *Finding out about and using the areas of learning in the class and outdoor classroom*
- *Finding out about and getting to know our groups and our friends in the class.*
- *Working together and remembering how to play positively.*
- *Caring about the resources and how to tidy them away.*
- *Being independent by getting and putting away our things.*

Ways to help your children are:

- *To develop independence by encouraging your child to hang up their own coat, put on and take off their own shoes and socks.*
- *To wash their hands with soap thoroughly.*
- *To encourage children to practise segmenting and blending words by speaking like a robot!*
- *To practise recognising and writing their own name.*
- *To encourage calculating skills by counting everything you see and asking 'What if we add 1 more or take 1 away?'*
- *To watch the changing colours of the leaves as you walk to school and discuss seasonal changes.*
- *To encourage your child to tidy up at home after playing with their toys.*

Important dates

- Monday 18th October – Individual Photos
20th and 21st October – Parent consultations
Friday 22nd October – Inset Day
Monday 25th October – Half term
Monday 1st November – Back to School
Wednesday 8th December – School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 9th December – 9.30am EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 14th December – 3.15pm Christmas Tree Festival
Wednesday 15th December – Pantomime Trip
Friday 17th December – Last Day of term