

# Marvellous Me!

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting first few days in Reception at Lydiard Millicent. The children have settled in well and are making lots of new friends. We have attached a copy of this term's topic web in order to give you an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for this term. The topic this term is called 'Marvellous Me' which will incorporate building relationships and finding out about ourselves. We will also be focusing on the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. There will be a Curriculum Meeting on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3:45pm** in the classroom to discuss what will be happening this term. It would be great to see you there.

## Naming Items

Please ensure your child brings their **book bag** and **water bottle** to school each day. Please ensure all of your child's belongings are named to avoid items going missing.

## Snack

The children will be provided with either a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable as part of the government's free fruit and vegetable scheme. Please ensure you have registered your child onto Cool Milk if you wish your child to receive milk during snack.

## Hot Dinners

In Reception the children are entitled to a free school dinner every day. A menu and an information leaflet regarding the free school meals were sent home in your original pack. **All meals will need to be ordered online by the end of the previous week (seven days before)**. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

## Teddy Bear's Picnic

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having a Teddy Bear's picnic to bring our 'Bear Hunt' topic to an end. For this day, please can your child bring a (named with child's name) teddy bear to school for us to celebrate. Thank you.

## Reading

Please note that reading books will come home after the children have settled and we have established where the children are working within their learning. This may take a few weeks. Through our phonics teaching, your child will develop confidence in blending and segmenting words as well as building up their sound knowledge. We encourage you to share the reading book at home with your child for approximately 10 minutes each night. Please date and sign the reading record and feel free to write a comment. It is important to share the same book with your child on numerous occasions so you can adapt the story, make predictions, learn the tricky words and ask comprehension questions when finished. To support this, we will change every child's reading book on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please keep your child's reading record and reading book in their book bag and bring to school every day. In class, children will be heard read to a member of staff at least once a week. During the Autumn Term, the children will be given letter sounds to practise at home and will be assessed individually on their progress at set intervals. These cards also include words to learn including tricky words. More information regarding reading and letters and sounds will be sent with your child's home learning.

## WOW moments

We love to celebrate your child's WOW moments both in school and at home. To help us do this we ask you to fill in a WOW moment when your child has done something special, tried something new or done something that makes you say WOW! We ask that you fill them in with your child at home and bring to school where it will be shared with the class. These will all be displayed on our 'WOW board'. Your child will be sent home with two WOW moment slips, when you need some more please ask an adult in the class.

## PE

The children will have PE on **Tuesdays**. If your child wears earrings, these will need to be either removed for P.E. days or medical tape can be kept in their PE bag for your child to cover them up (the children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape). Any children with long hair will also need this tied up on a PE day to ensure their safety with equipment. PE kits should be in school at all times as we will occasionally have sport's activities on other days.

## Footwear

All children need a pair of trainers and a pair of wellies in school at all times for the Golden Mile and Welly Walks.

**Topic Web**

Please use the home learning ideas found within the topic web. If you wish to complete these pieces of homework, please add them to the Interactive Learning Diary. This is a great opportunity for us to work together between home and school as a partnership.

**Swindon Advertiser Photographer**

On the afternoon of **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September** a photographer from Swindon Advertiser will be coming in to school to take a photograph of the children in Reception for their 'First day at School' article. If you would like your child to be in the picture please complete the permission slip below. **You child will not be able to be in the photograph if we do not receive the permission slip. Please return permission slips by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Parent and Grandparent Helpers**

We are always very appreciative of an extra pair of hands in Reception! If you have a few spare hours, as a one off or a regular time slot a week, we would love you to come in and help. You would need a current DBS check through our school. If you are interested please come and see an adult in class.

**Thankfulness – School Value of the Term**

This term, we will be learning all about 'thankfulness'. We will be using the following poem to help to teach the children the meaning of 'thankfulness'.

- T**hinking of good things
- H**appy memories
- A**ll creation praising God
- N**ot taking anything for granted
- K**eeping focused on the positive
- F**eeling blessed
- U**nderstanding the sacrifices people make for us
- L**iving joyfully
- N**ot complaining
- E**xpressing gratitude to God
- S**aying thank you to those who help us
- S**howing gratefulness by our deeds.

We are very excited to be working with you and your children this year. If you have any questions please feel free to come and see us.

Many thanks,

The Reception Team 😊

Miss Horton, Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Tidy & Mrs Morrison.



**Swindon Advertiser Photograph Permission Slip FS2**

(Please delete as appropriate)

I give / I do not give my permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

To be in the Swindon Advertiser class photograph on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian)

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_