



# Amazing Me - Who am I?

## Reception Newsletter Term 1 2022

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say how impressed we have been with the children since they have started with us. They have all settled into school life amazingly!

Our topic for this first term is 'Amazing Me'. We will be reading a range of texts such as Farmer Duck, Incredible You and Different is a Great Thing to Be.



We will be exploring who we are as people and our place in the world. We will think about our family and who we live with and where we live. We will also be learning about our immediate environment, embarking on a tour of our new school and the grounds.

Alongside this, we will be working on counting, number recognition, and recognising amounts. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds. This Year we are starting a new phonics programme 'Little Wandle'. We will have a reading/ phonics meeting this term for parents to attend. This will also be an opportunity to answer any questions and to show you what we do in school.

### Curriculum

#### Reading

Please read with your child regularly. At this stage it is helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories. We would like to children to be reading at least 3 times a week at home to help cement their learning. We change the children's Home Reading books once a week (the idea behind this is to deepen children understanding of stories and comprehension as well as letter and word de-coding.

Their books and book bags will be needed in school every day for reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section.

More information about our reading strategies and phonics will be shared at the meeting mentioned above.



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### Maths

We will be using CBeebies Number Blocks to help with our teaching of number. We will be starting with '1' and then taking a different number every week to understand the value and embed foundations. Other maths activities will be taking place at the same time. This is part of the recommendations from the Maths Mastery approach.

### Home Learning



We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school. To support with this we will send home some home learning challenges which are small tasks that will link to their learning from the week. This helps them to transfer their learning into the world outside of school and gives them chance to show off their learning to everyone at home!

### Being creative

Alongside reading, writing and maths we want to foster a love of creativity and individuality. We will be having show and tell on a Friday and we would love to see what you have made at home using these skills. It's great to see toys but we much prefer to see your fabulous creations!

### Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their book bag each day. The children are welcome to leave their water bottles in school during the week for us to fill up each day then they can take them back home on a Friday for a good wash.
- Can the children please always bring a coat particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our regular PE days are Tuesday, but it is helpful to have PE kits in school every day. We will send them home twice a term for washing.
- We would also love it if everyone can have a spare change of pants, wet wipes and bottoms in their bag in case we need them.

### Useful websites

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) - Phase 2 - phonics games and activities.

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) - Early Years maths and phonics games.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> - number blocks clips

We hope you all have a lovely first term supporting the children in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.  
Miss Boswell and Ms Eldridge

