



RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1



Our topic this half term is: **Marvellous Me**
Our Big Question is: **How can we make friends?**

Welcome to all our new families, we hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer. It was great to meet so many of you and your children at our stay and play sessions and we are looking forward to all the children starting their Reception journey with us over the next two weeks.

The beginning of the school year is a very busy time, where the children will explore the exciting areas of provision and become familiar with the routines of the school day. Don't forget to check the school website and Seesaw to see all the fabulous things we have been up to every week. [Reception | Bramley St Peter's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School \(bsp.leeds.sch.uk\)](http://Reception | Bramley St Peter's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School (bsp.leeds.sch.uk))

Please remember to send your child to school with a suitable coat everyday (as we love to play outside in reception even when it rains!) and a named water bottle that will be kept in their classroom for them to access throughout the day.

Your child will be given a book bag during this half term and this will include their reading record. The reading record will be for us to let you know about reading in school and for you to tell us what reading they have done at home.

Due to a timetabling change, P.E. will start earlier than previously communicated. They will need a full PE kit from the w/c 30th September. Their PE day will be a Friday. Children will be given help to change where needed but please encourage them to practise dressing and undressing by themselves in preparation.

If you have any questions or worries, please come and speak to us at the end of the school day or message us via the Seesaw app.
Mrs Wilson and Miss Durrant

- You can help by...**
- Reading lots of stories at home with your child. Ask them questions about the characters, setting and what might happen next!
 - Encouraging your child to practise writing their name in different ways e.g. bright coloured pens, painting or using natural materials. Have some **FUN!**
 - Practising counting forwards and backwards to 10 with your child.
 - Ensuring that your child's name is written in their uniform to avoid unnecessary misplacements!



- We will also be...**
- Painting self-portraits to display in our classroom.
 - Having lots of fun making new friends!
 - Talking about our families and who is special to us.
 - Learning the school rules and writing our class mission statement
 - Thinking about the seasons and the changes that are happening around us.
 - Taking part in some physical development session with a external PE specialist.



Our theme for Collective Worship is: **Justice**

Literacy

We will be reading lots of stories linked to our topic Marvellous Me.

Children will begin to give meaning to the marks they make as they paint and draw.

In our daily Little Wandle phonics lessons we will:

- learn to recognise and write these graphemes: **s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r**
- learn to orally blend these phonemes to read words
- learn to recognise tricky words **I, is, the**



Maths

In maths we will be:

- Matching and sorting objects.
- Comparing amounts.
- Counting and learning number rhymes.
- Exploring patterns.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/nuberblocks>

#MathsEveryoneCan



IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday 19th September - Phonics workshop 2.30 – 3pm or 5- 5.30pm

Wednesday 2nd October – Individual photographs

Friday 18th October – Stay and Play 9:00 – 10:00am

Wednesday 23rd October – Parents' Evening 3:30- 7:00pm

Thursday 24th October – Break up for October half term (return to school Monday 4th November)

