



**Curriculum Information for Parents**  
**Year 2 – Autumn Term 2016**

Our learning unit is...

**Marvellous Me!**



**Literacy**

In Literacy and in our daily guided reading sessions, we will look at a range of different texts, including:

- fiction books such as Meerkat Mail and Beegu
- non-fiction texts linked to our topic
- instructions
- postcards and letters

The main learning focusses will be on planning and checking with an emphasis on correct use of tense and extended sentences. We will continue to develop correct pencil grip as well as handwriting and presentation skills

Your child will also take part in reading, sentence and spelling activities during Guided Reading sessions throughout the week.

**Phonics and learning spelling rules**

Children are grouped according to their current level for their daily phonics session. This term they will also be learning about adverbs, homophones and using -ing and -ed endings depending on the tense being used.

**Maths**

- count in steps of 2, from 0, and in tens from any number, forward or backward
- recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)
- identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line
- compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs
- read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals
- recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently.
- add and subtract numbers (including money) using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally
- know multiplication and division facts for the 2, and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- solve problems involving multiplication and division, recognise, find, name and write fractions 1/3 and 1/4
- find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money
- compare and sequence intervals of time
- identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes,
- identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes, for example a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid

**Other Information:**

**Library Books**

Your child will have library time once a week where they will be able to change their book if they wish. Please let us know if they need to change their book at a different time.

**Water Bottles**

Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

**Homework**

Each week your child should be:

- reading and evidencing this in their reading diary,
- learning their spellings and number facts / number bonds.

Every half term children will receive a selection of activities for them to complete over that half term.

**Reading / Spelling**

These will continue to be checked in school once a week. It is important the children get the chance to practise at home as well as in school and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

**Suggestions to help your child at home...**

- Share books daily with your child. Listen to them read and also read to them, talking about the things you have read.
- Why not try writing notes to each other or sending postcards to family and friends. Talk about the order of the sentences and the language used.
- Look at photos of when you were babies. How have you changed?
- What do we need to stay healthy and well?

**Useful websites:**

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/barnabybear/>
- [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)
- <http://www.iboard.co.uk/>

**Science – Animals, including humans**

The children will learn about the basic needs of animals, including humans for survival. They will also have opportunities to find out about the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different foods and hygiene.

**Seasonal Science**

We will be observing and collecting information on the Autumn season.

**PE**

Games: Ball Skills

Gymnastics : Making shapes high and low with varied apparatus.

**PE Days**

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please check your child has suitable footwear as well as warm outdoor clothing. Long hair should be tied up.

**Geography – Our Local Area**

We will be exploring the area around us and comparing areas. Children will investigate different features within Hedge End through local walks.

**RE – Thankfulness**

Children will have opportunity to find out about Harvest time and Sukkot, understanding how and why these festivals are celebrated.

**Personal, Social and Moral Education**

**New Beginnings** – Recognising and responding to different emotions

**Working Well together** – Knowing how to be a good friend and solve problems

**DT – Healthy Eating**

The children will be looking at healthy eating and lifestyles as well as creating a healthy fruit snack.

**Computing**

We will be exploring the tools within different software at school to understand how it works.

**Music – Listen 2 Me**

This term we will be learning the recorder. Children will learn how to play different notes and combine these to play short pieces.