



## A Bright Future For Myself, My School and My Community



### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will begin teaching letter sounds using the 'Read Write Inc.' phonic scheme.

Speaking and listening activities will take place throughout the day with a big focus on listening to stories and children telling and creating stories.

Over the next couple of weeks the children will receive a reading record diary, a reading book and a library book to take home every day.

Children in Reception will be writing using the cursive (joined-up) style. Please refer to the school handbook for the 'cursive style font' (joined handwriting) and the sheet you were given during the home visit. It is important that you do not teach your child to write their name in capitals but use the same handwriting style as they will be using in school.

### Understanding the World

We will look at ourselves, our bodies and keeping healthy.

We will explore recipes using porridge as part of our topic on 'Goldilocks.'

As part of RE (Religious Education) we will be looking at what makes people special.

### Physical Development

PE (Physical Education) lessons are on:

- Tuesday for Bluebell
- Thursday Daffodil and Poppy

**PE kits needs to be in school all week.**

Dear Parents,

**September 2018**

**Welcome to Reception at St. Mary's.  
We hope your child settles quickly and is happy here.**

Please come and talk to us about how they are doing. (After school is best, as we are busy with classes and getting children settled in the mornings.)

Our topics this term are Me, My body and My family. The stories we will be using to help our learning will be Titch, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The 3 Billy Goats Gruff and Funnybones.

**On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September there will be a meeting for parents in the school hall at 2.30. We will be discussing what your child will be learning while they are in reception and how you can help. There will also be Maths, Reading and Phonic workshops this term (dates to be announced soon)**

Homework for Reception children is practising reading their school reading book.

**Please can you send a box of tissues into school?  
Please could you also bring in spare clothes for your child in case they have a toileting accident or get wet? These need to be in a carrier bag with their name on so we can hang it on your child's peg.**

On this letter you will find an overview of what we will be covering this term.

Ms Wilkinson, Mrs Sabat and Mrs Crawford

To develop all physical skills, we also continue to develop children's 'fine motor skills', in activities such as threading beads, working with play dough and holding a pencil correctly.

### Personal, Social and Emotional

#### Development

We develop our 'Class Charter' of how we treat others and talking about children's rights at school and beyond.

We will learn about changes and how we get on with each other.

**Our September 'Value of the Month' is 'Friendship'.**

### Mathematical development

We will be counting, ordering and reciting numbers and number rhymes. We will teach children practical ways to add and subtract and teach them how to solve number problems.

### Expressive arts and design

The children are encouraged to use musical instruments. We also sing songs and rhymes with the children that link to the topics we do. Children are encouraged to be creative with art, craft and recycled materials. They are also encouraged to make up their own stories through role play and those that they have heard.