Useful Dates

Autumn 1

14.09.26 – Reception Curriculum Meeting ~ 5:00 p.m.

28.09.26 – Reception Stay and Read ~ 2:45 p.m. (parents are invited in to enjoy reading for pleasure with their child – half-termly event)

14.10.26- Individual Photos

21.10.26 – Marvellous Me Museum (Parent/Carer Event) @ 2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

22.10.26- School Closes at 3.20 pm for Half Term

23.10.26 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Autumn Term 1

Marvellous Me

Welcome to the Early Years Reception Classes!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to all the new and returning parents and children.

During our first half term in Reception, our priority is helping the children to settle into school life, establish routines and build positive relationships. We recognise that starting school is a huge milestone and, for many children, this will be their first experience of full-time education. Our focus is on helping every child feel safe, happy and confident as they become part of our Reception family.

This half term, our enquiry questions are **'Who am I?', 'How can I look after myself?', 'Where do we belong?'** and **'What makes every family special?'** Through stories, play and first-hand experiences, the children will explore their own identities, families, friendships and the wider school community. Alongside this, we will be introducing our classroom routines, beginning Little Wandle phonics and developing early mathematical understanding through practical exploration and play. As always in Reception, we will also follow the children's interests, using these to enrich and shape our learning throughout the half term.

Every week, staff will post about upcoming learning for the following week on Famly and this will include information about how you can support your child/children at home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email eyfs@wes.rklt.co.uk or wardj@wes.rklt.co.uk

Miss Ward Ms Cullis

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All about me:	Our School & Community	Looking After Myself
I can talk about myself, my family and some of the things that make me unique. I know that every family is special and families can look different.	I know who the adults in my classroom are and can talk about some of the people who help me at school. I know that I belong to my Reception class and can follow our daily routines.	I know some ways to keep my body healthy and safe. I can name and talk about some of my feelings and know who can help me if I need support.

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Autumn 2

13.11.26 – Children in Need

24.11.26 – Reception Stay and Read ~ 2:45 p.m.

27.11.26 – STAFF TRAINING DAY

Parent/Teacher Consultations TBC – two evenings offered in the same week

11.12.26 – Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner day, EYFS Santa Visit – TBC

18.12.26- School Closes at 2.20pm

Polite reminder: there is no After School Care on this day. Breakfast Club will run as usual.

Our Learning

As the children become more settled and confident within Reception, we will continue to build upon the strong foundations established during our first half term. The children will become increasingly independent in their learning, developing confidence in exploring, questioning and working alongside others.

This half term, our enquiry questions are **'How does our world change?', 'Why do we celebrate?'** and **'How do people celebrate Christmas?'** Through high-quality stories, practical experiences and outdoor learning, the children will investigate seasonal change, explore why different celebrations are important to people and learn about the traditions of Christmas. We will encourage children to notice changes in the natural world, compare different celebrations and continue to develop their communication, early reading, writing and mathematical skills through purposeful play and adult-led learning.

Every Friday, staff will post about the learning that has taken place that week on Famly, this may include information about how you can support your child at home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email eyfs@wes.rklt.co.uk or wardj@wes.rklt.co.uk

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Our Changing World:	Celebrations:	Stories and Traditions:
I know that the seasons change and can talk about some of the signs of Autumn and Winter. I can talk about changes I notice in the natural world.	I know that people celebrate different events in different ways. I know some of the traditions associated with Christmas.	I enjoy listening to stories and can talk about characters, settings and what happens in a story. I can join in with repeated phrases and retell familiar parts of stories.

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