



Through God, We
Love, Laugh and
Learn.

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Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome from our Early Years team to you! Your teachers this year are **Mrs Farrell** and **Mrs Wright (Thursdays)**. The support staff working in Early Years are **Mrs Swift** and **Mrs Childs**.

Learning in the EYFS

Our curriculum is taught with a hands on approach through exploration and discussion. We explore both the indoors and outdoors to widen our experiences and follow the children's interests to deepen their engagement which then leads to great learning and enjoyment.

Your child will need:

- Water bottle – Named and filled with water **only**, daily.
- Wellington boots (labelled) – To keep in school all year for rainy days and forest school.
- PE kit – Indoor PE is on a Thursday and Outdoor PE is on a Friday. Can long hair be tied back please and earrings removed, as staff cannot remove them for health and safety reasons. Can indoor PE kits be sent into school and we will keep them on their pegs, this consists of a white t-shirt and navy/black shorts. On Fridays - outdoor PE day, your child can come to school in their outdoor PE kit and wear this all day. This will also be worn in their forest school session.
- School bag – Your child will have a blue school bag which fits their reading book in and any letters we send home. Please do not send a rucksack into school as we are tight for space on pegs to put them on.

Helping at home:

Starting soon, your child will bring home a book to read. Sometimes these are picture books which are discussion based and creating stories and others will have writing in to practice hunting for alphabet letters. If you wish to comment on your child's reading please do this in their reading diaries. Your child will get a new book weekly once we see they have read it at home.

Tapestry

Your Tapestry accounts have been set up, you should see an email with an activation link. Please check your junk mail. If you have not yet returned the Tapestry form, please do and I can set up your account.

Thank you for your continued support
The Early Years Team



Our Topic this half term is 'Only One Me'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development & Communication and Language

Here we will discuss feelings, behaviours, making new friends and becoming confident in our own abilities. Your child will practice listening to others, understanding questions about themselves and others as well as speaking to others confidently.

Physical Development

Children will practice their fine motor skills through using tweezers, scissors, pencils and pens correctly. Your child will also practice putting on their own coats and zipping them up as well as writing their name. Please encourage fine/gross motor skills at home too such as getting dressed in a morning and cutting up their dinner.

Literacy

Little Wandle Phonics will focus on phase 2 which is primarily the single sounds of the alphabet. Your child will learn to hear sounds in words, recognise them, apply this in their reading and writing as well as learn how to segment and blend words. We will also be exploring stories we are familiar with to build expression and excitement for reading.

Maths

We will begin by playing number games, touch counting 1:1, practicing number writing and recognition.

Understanding the World & Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

Here we will explore celebrations such as birthdays and parties children have attended. Discuss who is in their family, their favourite holidays or trips and begin to capture this in our painting, drawings, and story-telling.

Stories we will focus on:

Marvellous Me and My Family Tree
Elmer and other Elmer stories
Rainbow Fish