



## Reception Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2023

Hello and welcome to Reception! I would firstly like to send you and the children lots of warm welcome wishes to High Firs. I hope that you and your family have been able to enjoy your summer and make the most of the sunshine we had and that the children are now ready to start their very first year at High Firs! We are all really looking forward to getting to know them all and see their friendships begin as they settle into their new classroom. The first part of the term will focus upon this and ensuring that the children have a positive start to school life. As well as ensuring that the children feel both happy and safe in school, we aim to create a love of learning for all of the children. In Reception, we feel that the best way for this to happen is learning through play and through the exploration of the children's own interests; therefore, our learning may encompass many different topics throughout the terms as it will be child-led.

Our first topic this term is "All About Me" and we will be diving into the world of the Mr Men and Little Miss characters. We will explore our new school environment, with Mr Tall and Little Miss Tiny we will learn to measure ourselves, Mr Messy and Little Miss Neat will help us to learn all of the new areas in our classroom, and with Mr Wrong we will learn that making mistakes is all part of our learning! We will also be learning about the 'Zones of Regulations' and how some of the characters match with our different emotions. The characters will help us to explore the world around us and work towards our main learning intentions from the different areas of the Foundation stage - please see below for the different objectives.

### **Communication and language**

We will develop our skills to:

- Interact with others and play together.
- Listen carefully to others in small groups.
- Participate in a variety of activities with our staff and our peers.

### **Understanding of the world**

We will be learning to:

- Know what makes us unique.
- Understand the importance of recycling and how we can help the environment.

### **Mathematics**

We will be learning to:

- Recognise and count numbers 1-10 and match the correct number to a set.
- Recognise and describe 2D shapes.
- Patterns.
- Sizing.





### **Personal, social and emotional development**

#### **We will be:**

- Working hard to settle into reception by thinking about our own class rules.
- Working together to make new friends and getting to know all of the school staff members.
- Learning where things are in our classroom and how to access resources independently.

### **Physical development**

#### **We will be developing our skills to:**

- Manage our own basic needs.
- Develop our gross and fine motor skills
- Move and use resources safely in and outside our classroom.

### **Literacy**

#### **We will be:**

- Enjoying lots of different stories and songs.
- Linking sounds to letters and form these independently.
- Listening for and saying initial sounds in words.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

#### **We will be:**

- Experimenting with a range of resources throughout our explorative play.
- Play co-operatively as part of a group engaged in role play.

If you have any questions or worries at any time, please do feel free to talk to a member of the Reception team, pop a note in the contact book or email me on the class email address: [reception@high-firs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@high-firs.kent.sch.uk)

We are all looking forward to a very promising and exciting year with your children!

Mrs Everest



