



**Maple Class  
Reception  
Autumn Term 1 2023**

**Understanding the World:** Our work will focus on us, as we learn about each other and ourselves. We will explore the concepts of past, present, and future, looking at how much we have changed since we were babies, and sharing what we know about our families and friends. We will also learn about different parts of the body and our senses. We will have opportunities to learn about the local area using maps and photos. We will talk about villages, towns and cities and hopefully go on a short walk around Chesterton. Later in the term, we will learn about animals that we might find in local habitats, and focus on nocturnal animals, as we learn about light and dark. We will also learn about natural and man-made materials as part of our Outdoor Learning sessions.

**Literacy:** This term, we will focus on stories about school. We will discuss our favourite parts, the characters and the events. We will also learn about alliteration and identify words that start with the same sound, linking to our work in Phonics. In Phonics, we will focus on Phase 2 letter recognition and sounds. We will also practise the correct formation of letters. We will be learning what letters are in our name, the order of these and how to write them with increased independence. We will also be enjoying lots of familiar stories, like 'The Gruffalo' and 'Each Peach Pear Plum'.

# Marvellous Me!



**Mathematics:** In Maths, we will start by focusing on numbers. We will practise reciting and recognising numbers up to 10. We will learn to count amounts of objects accurately, match amounts to the correct numerals and compare different amounts. Later in the term, we will begin to learn about one more and one less, and learn about patterns, shapes, and positional language. We will also discuss different times of the day, and learn to order the days of the week.

**Religious Education:**

*'Is the word "God" special?'* This term, we will talk about special things. We will think about things that are special to us, share our ideas about God and learn why God is special to some people. We will also be creating our own class prayer, including things in our life that we are thankful for. We will say our class prayer each day at school and begin to learn it by heart.

**PSED:**

We will start by learning the classroom rules and routines, and how to stay safe in school. We will explore feelings and self-regulation. We will also learn about the PANTS rules, and knowing the boundaries of our own and other peoples' bodies. We will be using the story 'The Colour Monster' to help us identify different emotions and how they affect us.

**Physical Development:**

This term, we will learn to change for P.E. independently. We will explore different ways of moving and safely negotiating spaces through games. Later in the term, we will focus on our gymnastics skills, including balancing, jumping and rolling. Our fine motor work will focus on developing a pincer grip and holding a pencil correctly.

**Expressive Arts and**

**Design:** This term, we will paint self-portraits and pictures of our families. We will also use loose parts to create our own transient Art masterpieces! We will also create pieces for our Harvest celebrations through printing and baking. In our Music sessions, we will learn to express ourselves to different types of music, perform songs as a group, and explore rhythm in familiar songs.