



Dear Parents/Carers

This term our topic is 'My town and Me'. Throughout the topic we will be finding out about ourselves, our bodies, our families, our feelings and people who help us in our community.

In **English** we will be looking at looking at reading and writing our name. We will be focusing on stories about ourselves, families, feelings and people who help us and using these as a starting point to some of our guided activities. We will begin to use our phonic knowledge when writing.

In **Phonics** the children will be taught phonics using our Monster Phonics Scheme. Initially the emphasis is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills. Oral blending is where the teacher says some sounds, such as c/-/u/-/p and see whether the children can pick out a cup from a group of objects. For segmenting practise, the teacher could hold up an object such as a sock and ask the children which sounds they can hear in the word sock. We will then begin phase 2 where the children will learn to link the sounds (phoneme) with the symbol that represents them (grapheme). We will be encouraging the children to use their phonics knowledge in reading and writing. There are also a number of tricky words for us to learn.

In **Maths** we will be taught using the White Rose Scheme. The children will learn to sort, match, count, recognise and order numbers to at least 5. They will be focusing on matching numbers to quantities and making groups, combining two or more groups. We will explore repeating patterns, learn how to continue a pattern and look at shapes in our environment.

In **Topic** we will be talking about ourselves and our families. We will discuss feelings and think about our own likes and dislikes. We will be finding out about our local community and discussing people who help us.

Attached is a knowledge organiser which is a document for you to share with your child to discuss what they will be learning this term. It shows you some key vocabulary we will be using and asks some key questions. It should be used as an opportunity to talk and share your child's learning.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's education, do not hesitate to come and ask a member of the team for advice. We will be happy to help. Thank you for your support.

The Reception Team

