



## Year R – Beatrix Potter Class

### Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are absolutely delighted to welcome you and your wonderful children to our school community. What a fantastic start we've had! The children have amazed us with their independence, enthusiasm and confidence — they've settled in beautifully and we couldn't be prouder of them.

**Our First Theme: *This is Me!***

This half term, we're diving into the exciting theme *This is Me!* where we'll explore:

- **Me and My Body**
- **My Fab Face**
- **Healthy Me**
- **Super Me!**

We'll be sharing lots of lovely stories as part of our daily routine, including:

- *The Bumblebear*
- *The Colour Monster*
- *Funny Bones*
- *Supertato*

These stories help us explore emotions, friendships and what makes each of us special.

#### **Knowledge Organiser & Homework Grid**

Along with this letter, you'll find:

- A **Knowledge Organiser**: This outlines the enquiry questions we'll be exploring and the key vocabulary we'll be using. Talking about these at home is a great way to support your child's learning.
- A **Homework Grid**: This includes a mix of fun and engaging activities. The grey box tasks are weekly, while the others can be completed at your own pace. Please share your child's learning with us on **Tapestry** — we're currently setting up your accounts and will send login details soon.

## Reading Packs

Your child has brought home their reading pack, which includes:

- A wordless book
- A home reading diary
- A letter explaining how to support your child's reading journey

We ask that you record **three separate reading sessions** each week in the diary. Regular reading helps your child move up our class 'reading tree'. Once they reach the top of the tree, your child will receive a reading certificate.

Please send the reading pack in a blue **school book bag** each day so it fits neatly into our classroom storage and is always available for reading time.

## Phonics Information Evening

We'd love to invite you to our **Phonics Information Evening on Tuesday 7th October at 4:30pm**. We'll share how we teach phonics and how you can support your child's early reading at home.

## Woodland Adventures & PE

- **Wellies:** We ask that all children bring in a pair of named wellies. We visit our on-site woodland regularly, so please ensure your child has wellies in school.
- **PE Day is Tuesday:** Please send in a PE kit (t-shirt and shorts) that stays in school. We'll send it home at the end of each half term for washing. It's also helpful to include spare uniform, underwear and socks — just in case!

## Snacks & Water

At school, we provide seasonal fruit and vegetables during snack time. However, please note that we cannot guarantee what will be available each day. If you prefer, you are welcome to send a piece of fruit or vegetable in with your child. If you choose to send a snack from home, please ensure it is fruit or vegetables only — no cereal bars, please.

Your child will receive free milk up until the week they turn 5 years old. If you would like your child to continue receiving milk after this, please sign up via the Cool Milk website: <https://coolmilk.com/parents/>

Children should bring a water bottle every day, filled with water only.

Please do not place water bottles in book bags, as leaks can damage our reading books.

## Clothing Reminder

As the weather begins to change, please ensure your child comes to school with both a jumper and a coat.

Children have access to the outdoor area throughout the day, as well as during playtime, so it's important they are dressed appropriately for all conditions.

Thank you so much for your support. Your children's confidence and independence are a real credit to you and we're so excited to be part of their learning journey this year.

If you have any questions or need anything at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch — we're always happy to help!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Bradley & the Beatrix Potter team