

### The Leverton App

Please download the Leverton App from the app store on your mobile phone so that you can receive messages, dates and key information published for the whole school.



Here, you will also be able to access the school newsletter and keep up to date with current news. If you need any help please let us know.

### J2E

Throughout the school year, we will use a website/app called J2E to communicate about your child's learning at Nursery. Here, we will be able to share photos as well as important messages and activities to support your child at home. Please make sure you check in on a weekly basis, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions about how to use the software.



### Keeping your child safe in Nursery

We would like to reassure you that we will do everything we can to keep your child safe and happy at school. We will make sure children wash their hands regularly throughout the day, and we will teach them about their personal space and hygiene. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.



Please help us by making sure your child has eaten their breakfast/lunch or snack before entering the nursery each day. The children need to have empty mouths and pockets as they come in! Thank you.

# Autumn 1 Marvellous Me!



Early Years Foundation Stage

(EYFS)  
Nursery

## Key information about this half term

We are very excited to be welcoming your child into the Nursery at Leverton Primary School. Starting Nursery is always a very exciting time, although some children may naturally feel a little nervous. Please be reassured that we will spend lots of time getting to know your child and helping them to settle into their new environment and routine.

This half term, we will be following the theme of 'Marvellous Me'. We will start by learning all about one another, our interests and what makes us special.

We will begin to read and share stories such as 'Owl Babies', a lovely story about three baby owls who are left in their nest while their Mum goes out to find food.

This will provide an opportunity for us to talk about wildlife and the changes in the Season at this time of the year. We will also support the children to paint a self-portrait, using a mirror to look closely at their facial features..

### Literacy

**Writing:** When your child starts school they will be doing lots of activities to help strengthen the muscles in their hands ready to start writing such as using play dough tools. They will also explore making marks in a variety of ways using different media and we will be starting to explore lines and shapes that will later become pictures and letter shapes.

**Name Recognition:** Once the children are settled, they will be asked to practice finding and recognising their names. They will start by looking at the first capital letter and then move on to the lowercase letters.

### Enjoying and Sharing Books

Your child will be given a library book to take home and share with their family every week. Right from the start, we aim to provide lots of opportunities for children to engage with books so that we can excite their imagination and interest.

### Communication and Language

The children will develop their speaking, listening and understanding skills as they play and interact. They will practice following instructions as they learn new routines, and we will encourage them to ask for a snack saying 'please' and 'thank you'. We will also gather as a class on the carpet every day for short periods to share stories, sing songs and learn some Nursery rhymes.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In the first half term, we will spend a lot of time explaining the rules and why they are important. The children will learn the importance of sharing and taking turns and we will talk about our feelings and the feelings of others. Children will learn independence skills as they explore the classroom and find an apron for example. They will also learn how to look after their own belongings and where to store them.

### Physical Development

The children will participate daily in activities that enhance their physical development. These will include **fine motor work**, such as threading, manipulating tools and drawing and **Gross motor skills** such as running, jumping and climbing. We will also aim to develop the children's awareness of how to stay healthy and safe. Daily outdoor play is an important part of our provision in Nursery. From the beginning we aim to make the children have as much access to the garden as possible. They will practice putting on and taking off their own coats, washing their hands and tending to their own toileting needs.

### Maths

This half term, we will practise saying numbers in order and learn lots of songs and chants to help with this. We will practice counting children as part of our daily routine and we will count objects as we play. The children will be encouraged to touch count using 1:1 correspondence where possible, and say the last number for the total amount. We will also use lots of comparative language, comparing and measuring size, height and length as the children build towers with blocks for example.

### Expressive Art and Design

The children have the opportunity to explore our role-play both indoors and outdoors which helps them to learn new vocabulary, make friends and explore our topic in an imaginative way. We also have planned art and craft activities each day where we can learn about materials and how to combine them through collage, playdough and paint activities.

### Understanding the World

We will spend lots of time getting to know each other this half term and talking about our favourite things, our likes and our dislikes. We will also discuss who is special to us, where we live, if we have any pets, and what we enjoy doing. We will look at photos of our families, and think about how we are similar and different to one another.

