

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to your first term at Whitehall Primary School. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all. At the start of each term we send home a newsletter which outlines what your child will be learning. This will also feature key dates so keep an eye out for these! This term the children will be learning about their bodies and talking about themselves, their families and the things they like and dislike.

### **Literacy/ Phonics:**

This term we will start to learn letter sounds. This will be done through daily carpet sessions where children will practise writing these too. We will also learn some common exception words that the children just need to be able to read.

We will be focusing on speaking and listening as part of our Literacy lessons. We will talk about our families, who we live with and things that are special to us. We also think about our bodies, how they work and how to keep ourselves healthy.

### **Maths:**

In Maths we will be focussing on exploring, counting, numbers to 5. We will use lots of different resources to explore this and use our outdoor environment too. We will begin to subitise and use the language more, most, fewer, fewest to compare two groups. We will look at 2 step repeating patterns and begin to create our own. We will also spend some time exploring size, using words big and small and tall and short.

### **Reading:**

Your child will need a book bag that can be purchased from the office. This will be a place where your child will keep their reading book and it will need to be brought to school every day. To start with, your child a story book that you can share together and talk about the story and characters. We do not expect your child to be able to read this on their own. We will change these every Monday.

## **Year R Newsletter Term 1 Topic – All About Me**

### **PE:**

In PE this term we will be travelling in different ways, including side stepping, skipping, and galloping. We will be making balances with our body, balancing on our feet and other parts of our body. We will also play some simple games to support this learning.

Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on:

Thursday: Bluebell Class Only

Friday: Daisy and Buttercup Classes

### **Key Dates for Term 1**

**Last Day of Term 1 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Children return to school – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS  
THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS TO SCHOOL.**

### **Home/School Learning:**

Your child will have a learning journey which is a file kept in their class. We will put all your child's learning in this. We would like you to contribute towards this. You can do this by either completing a 'Wow Sheet' and bringing it into school or by emailing us at this address:

[WhitehallYrR@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:WhitehallYrR@bristol-schools.uk)

We will not respond to these emails but will print and share them with the class.