

# Mansbridge Primary School



## Elephants Newsletter September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Foundation Stage. The Reception Class Team this year include Miss Stringer, Mrs Sinton, Miss Dow and Mrs Simpson. Your children have made a great start to school. They look very smart in their new uniform and are well behaved and motivated to learn, long may this continue! Please can all book bags, coats and jumpers be labelled clearly.

This half term our first topic is "All about amazing me". The children will be learning about themselves, their new friends and the school plus the local community. We will also look at the topic family, where we will read the story "Owl babies". Following this the children will be learning about "Mythical creatures" after half term, where they will learn about story characters and settings. We will be looking at and discovering things from lots of stories, which should prove to be a very exciting topic! We will also be learning and enjoying the Christmas period during this half term.

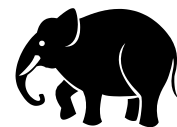
In literacy we will be focusing on using the correct pencil grip, writing from the left to the right and using some letters in our writing. We will also be practising name writing regularly and playing lots of word and sound games focusing on rhyme and alliteration. In numeracy we will be working on number recognition, counting out objects accurately and ordering numbers. We will begin some work on calculating and repeating patterns towards the end of the half term. But the main focus for Autumn term are the foundations: personal and social skills and settling them in focusing on rules and expectations for school.

It is essential your child brings their book bag every day as we will begin to send out some letters very soon. Homework games and reading books will follow as soon as the children are ready. Our day for changing books and homework is a Thursday. In Key stage 1 we have a reading incentive, more details about this will follow shortly. It would be helpful if the reading books were in children's book bags each day.

Elephants' PE session will be on a Friday afternoon and will begin when the children start full time which is week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> September. We will be providing children's PE bags and full PE kit, which will stay in school and be washed regularly. We will remind you closer to the time when to buy shoes for outside.

Please ensure you are reading the board outside the classroom as it contains vital information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions/concerns throughout the year. If we work together in partnership, we will be able to ensure that your child has a happy and successful year at Mansbridge.

Yours sincerely,



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