



# Bolton-le-Sands C of E Primary School

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



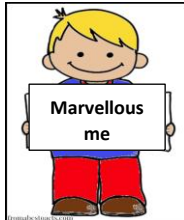
Welcome to the autumn term edition of the Curriculum Newsletter.

This term, the key concepts that we will focus on are:

**change, family, friendship, love, happiness, fear and community.**

Our main theme this term is:

### 'Marvellous Me'



This term in our **personal, social and emotional development and learning**, we will be focusing on settling the children into school, encouraging new friendships and learning to dress and undress independently for PE. We will also be using **'The Colour Monster'** story to look at our own feelings and emotions.

As **readers** and **writers**, we will be beginning our exciting new 'Monster Phonics' learning, where children will learn the first phonic sounds and use these to blend and segment words. The children will also focus on recognising and writing their own name, as well as forming letters in pre-cursive.

As **mathematicians** we will focus on matching, sorting and comparing. We will talk about measures and patterns before exploring knowledge of numbers to five. We will also focus on shapes with up to four sides.

Through our **understanding of the world**, we will explore our families and how each family is different. We will look at how we have changed since being a baby and celebrate what we can do now. We will also learn about our surroundings and how they change throughout the seasons.

Our theme for **RE** this half term will focus on 'I am special', Harvest and 'Special people' where we will explore what makes people special and how Jesus was special.

**PE** lessons this year will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school and any earrings are removed. This term, we are lucky to have Superball Paul on Tuesdays to develop the children's physical skills. On Thursdays we will explore the large apparatus.

### How can I help at home?

Practise with your child putting on and zipping up their coat independently, and getting themselves dressed in a morning, especially buttons.

Reading books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays, if you have completed the book. Please spend time each evening reading with your child and return their book along with your comments in their Reading Record.



In the next few weeks, your child will be bringing home a **phonics pack** containing the new sounds they have learnt each week. You can practise reading, writing and playing simple games linked to the new sounds with your child.

Please join us for our curriculum evening on Wednesday 25 September at 6pm. The main focus of this will be phonics and early reading.

### Staff News

Planning time for teachers in EYFS will be on Wednesday throughout this school year and will be covered by Mrs Briggs.

Mrs Metcalfe will be beginning her maternity leave after the October half-term break and we wish her all the best during this exciting time!

In her absence, Mrs Tattersall will teach the Sunshine Class fulltime.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our email addresses can be found below.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Beck, Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Tattersall

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