



# West Grantham Primary Academy

## Term 1 Reception Newsletter



Welcome to West Grantham Primary Academy, we are delighted to be welcoming you and your child into our school community.

### EYFS Team

Miss Short is the class teacher on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Richardson on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Desmond is the teaching assistant all week.

### Indoor and outdoor learning

We spend as much time indoors as we do outdoors and therefore your child will need an appropriate coat and footwear. We will go outside in all weathers come rain or shine and a pair of named wellies would be extremely helpful.

The children do get messy with paint, mud, pens etc and as much as we try to ensure that they are wearing an apron and have appropriate supervision, we can't ensure that your child will come home clean! It just shows how much fun and learning they have been doing!

### Dropping off and collecting your child

We kindly ask that you say goodbye to your child at the gate and allow them to walk into the classroom by themselves. This will help the children to develop their level of independence although there will always be an adult to welcome and support them during the morning routine.

### Fruit time

Each child will be given a piece of fruit and carton of milk to have at snack time each morning. Also, please ensure that your child has a **named water bottle** in school to use throughout the day.

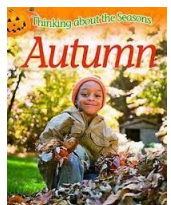
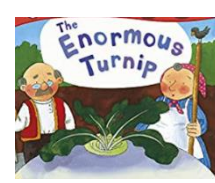
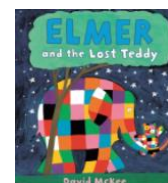
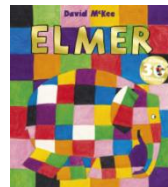
### Our topic

Our main priority this term is to ensure that your child feels happy, safe and secure in their new learning environment, forming positive relationships with their peers and adults and that they go home everyday with a smile on their face!

The topic this term is 'All about me'. We will be focussing our learning each week around a chosen story and making the learning as meaningful, targeted and fun as possible. Through Read Write Inc. and literacy lessons the children will begin to learn letter sounds, make marks using a variety of tools and begin to give meaning to their marks. Each day we will be practising fine motor skills that will support their writing and also letter formation. In maths we will be singing number rhymes, counting using 1:1 correspondence and representing numbers using our fingers.

We will also be creating pictures using a variety of media and materials, exploring their own and other families and investigating and describing the seasonal changes during Autumn.

### Our books this term



### PE

We will begin our PE lessons later this half term, however your child **WILL NOT** need a PE kit in school this term.

### Class Dojo

Thank you to all the parents who have already signed up to Class Dojo. Class Dojo is how we can communicate with each other through class or individual messaging, share the children's achievements and inform you of whole school and class information.

If you have not yet signed up, please speak to a member of staff so that we can help you.