



St Saviour's

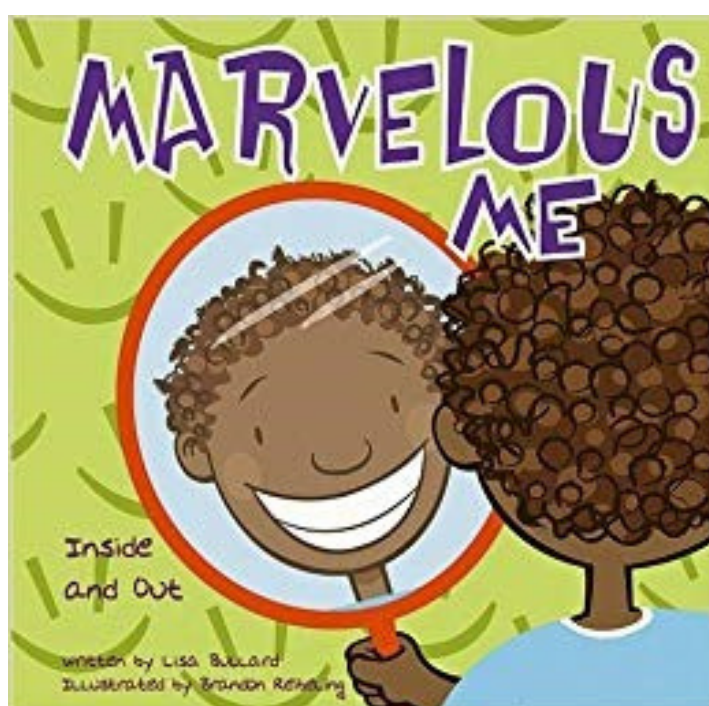
Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term and are very proud of how well Reception have settled into their new classes. We would like to keep you informed of the activities and topics we hope to cover this term. The curriculum overview below shows the units that will be covered for all subjects this term.

Our topic this term is...

'All About Me'



Maths

The children will be building a strong foundation to their number knowledge by learning how to recognise and order numbers. They will practise careful counting and develop a solid understanding of 'more' and 'less'. We will begin to introduce addition and subtraction and the children will learn to record their mathematical thinking. They will learn to name and describe 2D shapes and explore measurement activities involving height, weight and capacity. They will also begin to recognise coins and understand their value.



Literacy

The children learn to read through the Read, Write Inc programme. Your child will practise reading and writing by learning how to identify the phonic sounds of letters. They will learn how those sounds can be blended together to make words. The children also practice reading and writing what we call 'red words', where the letters and sounds blend together in unusual ways e.g. 'the', 'you' and 'my'. The children have to learn to read these words from memory. The children use what they have learned in their phonics lessons to complete a Big Write every Friday. This is based on the book of the week and allows the children to think creatively when writing. They will be encouraged to write lists, captions, stories and labels.



Communication and language

The children will develop speaking and listening skills through opportunities to sequence, retell, imagine alternative endings, interview story characters and role play stories. They will engage in shared class discussions and 'circle time' sessions to discuss topics such as 'family' and 'celebrations' and our Christian Values.



Understanding the World

The children's learning will be linked to this term's theme 'All About Me'. The children will have the opportunity to discuss and learn about different families, their local environment and how this differs in Britain and other parts of the world. In our **fabulous Forest school** they will make observations of animals and plants, developing an understanding of lifecycles and changes. Our Alpaca's are enjoying getting all the attention from our Reception children.

They will also use ICT hardware to interact with software and will complete simple programs.



R.E

Our religious education will explore the life of Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. We will learn about our school Christian Values and how they are central to our growth and development. We will also discover some of the similarities and differences between faiths by taking a look at communities and traditions. We will learn about Diwali and Hanukkah as these celebrations take place around the world.

PSED

The children will be encouraged to express their feelings and preferences, whilst recounting memories and experiences during 'circle times.' The children will also be given opportunities to develop reasoning skills when thinking about moral messages. They will begin to develop their ability to manage their own needs and work as part of a team.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will be given a platform to express their own imaginative ideas through a range of media, including music, drama, art and dance. The children will learn new songs as well as be involved in imaginative play. They will safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques to experiment with colour, design, texture, form and function.

Physical Development

The children will develop their knowledge of the importance of good health, physical exercise, and a healthy diet by discussing ways to keep healthy and active. The children will be able to practise moving confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They will also further refine their fine motor skills through daily opportunities to work on scissor and pencil control and the effective handling of simple tools and equipment to shape, cut and construct malleable materials. They will take part in weekly Write dance sessions.

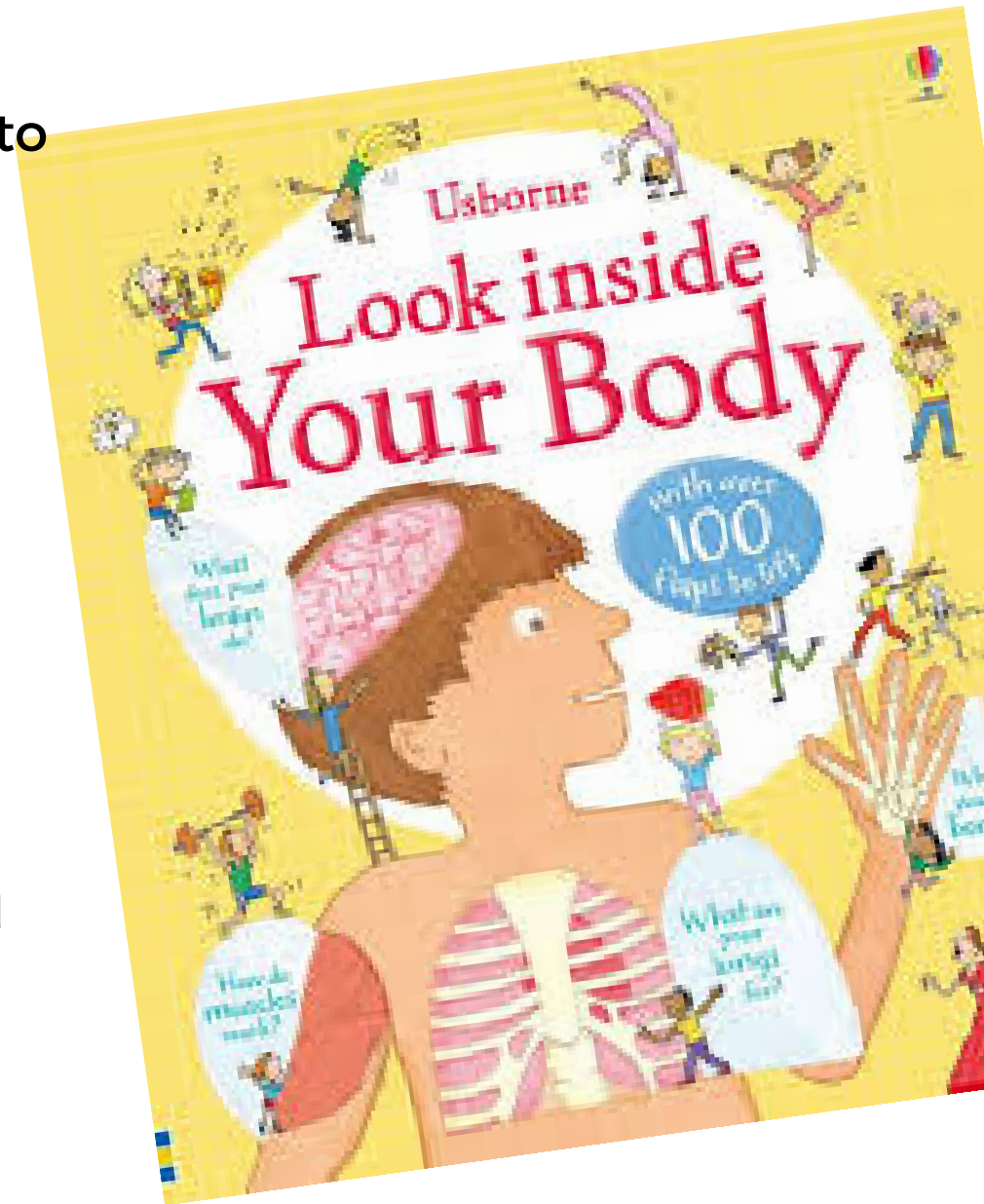
'WOW' days

Throughout the Autumn term we will have a range of wow days to introduce different topics linked to 'All About Me'. For example, we will have a Diwali party where children will be asked to dress up in bright party clothes and get to take part in a range of activities linked to this celebration. We will give you plenty of notice for each Wow Day in our weekly EYFS newsletter.

Home Learning

There are some projects you could do at home linked to our topic:

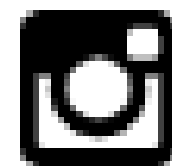
- Read a body book together and discuss new vocabulary.
- Build a skeleton out of sticks when out walking.
- Build an obstacle course at home and see if you can go under and over the equipment.
- Record what happens to your heart when you do exercise versus standing still.



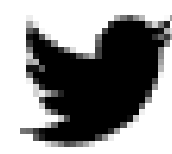
Have a look at our wonderful school in our school video.

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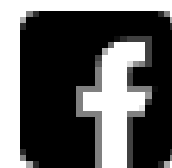
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If you have any questions about the Early Years curriculum please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the EYFS team. Thank you for your support and we look forward to a fantastic term.

Warm regards,
The Reception team

Mrs Hanna - EYFS Phase Leader and
Helen Keller class teacher
Ms Theoklitou - Helen Keller class teacher
Ms Boyce - Martin Luther King teacher

