



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your 1st 'Dear Parents' letter. We hope your child is enjoying being part of Manby Lodge. We have been very impressed with all the children and how well they have settled into school life and are looking forward to a fantastic and fun year!

Phonics - This week we will be beginning our phonics learning. We will be starting to learn the phonemes (sounds the letters make) **s**, **a**, **t** and **p**. The children will also be taught simple mnemonics (little riddles) to help them with the formation of each letter they learn alongside the sound.

Literacy - In Literacy this week we will be introducing the children to our first Favourite Five text, *Only One You* by Linda Kranz. This story helps to introduce our main topic for this half term, by the same name, which is all about ourselves. We will begin by retelling the story and encouraging the children to consider the messages shared.

PE We will begin PE lessons on Friday 19th September, so please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school before then. The PE kit will then stay in school until half term when we will send it home for washing.

Maths We will be learning how to subitise (to 'see' amounts of numbers without having to count them). We will focus on the numbers, 1, 2 and 3.

Safe, Ready and Respectful This week we will also be introducing the behaviour expectations at Manby Lodge of **safe**, **ready** and **respectful**. We use these words throughout the school to encourage and promote good learning behaviours. We will discuss what these words mean and how we can show this in school.

Art - In art we will be creating our own 'Belonging Bunting' as a class. Each child will be designing and making their own piece of bunting to represent themselves over the next 2 weeks and we will then be stringing it all together and displaying it in the classroom.

If you are able to send in donations of any of the following to help us with the children's learning, we would be very grateful:

Salt, cream of tartar, plain flour, food colouring, magazines for face collage, autumn treasures e.g. conkers, acorns, colourful leaves etc.

Thank you in advance 😊

Diary Dates

*Meet the Teacher meetings -

Ducklings: Tuesday 16th 1:45-2:45pm

Cygnets: Wednesday 17th 9-10am

Goslings: Thursday 18th 9-10am

*Friday 19th September - Multi-Sports PE lesson

*Friday 19th September - Safeguarding Session with Miss Morris for Parent Volunteers 09.05am - 09.35am

*Wednesday 24th September - Phonics Workshop 9am -10am

*Wednesday 24th September FOML Welcome to Year R Parents 7.30pm - 9.30pm

*Tuesday 30th September - Reading and Writing Workshop 9am - 10am

Thank you,

The Reception Team 😊