



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 18th 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. Children will change into PE kits in class

Maths We will be learning how to sort by colour, size and object type. We will be singing number songs.

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 self-portraits.

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 -

Tuesday 15th September-1.45-2.45pm - Duckling Class Parents

Wednesday 16th September- 1.45-2.45pm - Cygnet Class Parents

Thursday 17th September- 9-10am - Gosling Class Parents

***Friday 18th September** - Multi-Sports PE lesson (each class has a session during the morning)

Friday 18th September - 09.05- 09.25am- Safeguarding Session with Miss Morris for Parent Volunteers.

Any current/prospective parent volunteers who have not yet attended a session or who last attended in Autumn Term 2025

***Tuesday 22nd September** - 9-10am - Phonics Workshop - More information to follow

Wednesday 23rd September - 7.30pm- 9.00pm - FOML Welcome to Year R Parents. FOML& Year R Parents only.

Friday 25th September - 09.05- 09.25am- Safeguarding Session with Miss Morris for Parent Volunteers.

Any current/prospective parent volunteers who have not yet attended a session or who last attended in Autumn Term 2025

*** Tuesday 29th September** 9-10am - Reading and Writing Workshop - More information to follow

Thank you,

The Reception Team 😊