



EYFS Curriculum Letter (Autumn 2026)

A warm welcome to all parents and carers to our Early Years Foundation Stage.

The children are settling in well and we are looking forward to this half term! We have lots of exciting activities and plans for this year. We will be regularly updating you with our weekly activities via Google Classroom and our Instagram and Facebook pages. We hope this will give you a further insight into what we are doing at school and how you can help at home.

Our first topic is 'Marvellous Me.' During this topic, we will talk about and complete various activities about ourselves, our routines, our families, our bodies and our senses. This topic, like all, will be linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

We will be:

- Learning to recite simple prayers;
- Learning how God made our world and everything in it;
- Learning to recognise and to write our names;
- Counting to ten;
- Talking about and drawing members of our family;
- Looking closely at our features and drawing self-portraits;
- Looking at our diet and tasting various healthy foods;
- Reading lots of books;
- Singing and sharing our favourite rhymes and songs.

We will be having PE at school with our coach Chris on **Fridays**. We kindly ask that you send your child into school in their PE kits on this day. Our PE kit consists of navy shorts and a navy PE top with plimsolls or trainers. Navy tracksuit bottoms or fleeces may be worn in cold weather.

New to Early Years this year, we will also be learning French with our new French teacher, Mr Lucchesi, on Friday mornings. This will be in the form of learning songs and playing games.

All children will also get a chance to borrow a book from our school library on **Thursdays** to share at home with you. Please ensure the book remains in your child's book bag and it will be changed every week.

You can help your child at home by:

- Counting, ordering and writing numbers to 5 (Nursery) or 10 (Reception);
- Sharing stories regularly; asking the children what they can see, and talking about the characters. See if your child is able to tell you a story by adding dialogue!
- **Reception** will soon be receiving books that align with our reading scheme. When you receive them, please look through the books with your child discussing characters and pictures, and how they could be feeling. Please encourage your child to have a go at telling their own story from the pictures.

Once reading books have been allocated (to reception children) please bring them and reading records to school **every day**. We will inform you closer to the time when to look out for your child's reading book and reading record book and how the process works.

As the weather changes please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat to school as we play outside every day! Please ensure that all children have **named** wellies as well as some spare **named** clothes (this change of clothes should be uniform colours) that is kept on their peg at school.

Finally, we ask all parents if they could provide a **family photo** for one of our class displays. This offers something familiar in the classroom for every child and is a nice link to our first topic. Either a physical copy or emailing a digital copy to admin@ourladys527.herts.sch.uk is fine.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you from the Early Years Team!

Mr Shields, Mrs Ashcroft and Miss Cole

