



# Whittaker Moss Primary School

## Reception Newsletter

### Autumn Term 1 2020



## Why do you love me so much?

Guess how much I love you... What is special about me? How do we show that we care? In this project, we'll learn about love, families and how people are the same and different. First, we'll talk to a parent with a baby and ask lots of questions. We'll pose for photographs and recognise ourselves, our names and our friends from a photograph display. Mirror, mirror on the wall... We'll look at our reflections and talk about what we can see. In our cosy home corner, we'll care for dolls and teddies. We'll enjoy sharing books about love, feelings and families. Outside, we'll practise following instructions and think about how our brilliant bodies move. We'll create 'All about me' scrapbooks full of lovely writing and photographs. Using our mathematical skills, we'll measure and compare our hands, feet and heights. We'll count candles and think about why we celebrate birthdays. Getting creative, we'll make amazing artwork of people we love. At the end of the project, we'll invite you to school to make shared clay handprints. We'll make delicious foods to share and draw pictures of ourselves with our families.

Areas of learning	Early Learning Goals
Communication and language	Listening and attention; Speaking
Physical development	Moving and handling
Personal, social and emotional development	Self-confidence and self-awareness; Managing feelings and behaviour
Literacy	Reading; Writing
Mathematics	Numbers; Shape, space and measures
Understanding the world	People and communities; The world; Technology
Expressive arts and design	Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative

### Help your child prepare for their project

We're all special! Why not help your child to take photographs of family members and friends, to create a fantastic photo album? You could also visit the local library to share picture books about families and feelings. Alternatively, make a family collage with images of all of your family members' favourite things.

## Please Remember—



Occasionally we will send 'Rocket words' home to practise reading. These words are a mixture of high frequency words and tricky words (tricky words cannot be 'sounded out'). Please practise these with your child/children. We will also write any words your child needs practise with in their school reading record.

### Dojo points for Reading

Reception will be joining the rest of the school in collecting dojo points for reading. Children will receive three dojo points a week when they read their school reading books at home. Please sign and leave a comment in your child's reading record for them to receive the dojo points

### School Website

Have a look at our class pages on the school website to see the children learning and for resources. [www.whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk](http://www.whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk)

### Book bags

These can be purchased from the following shops in Rochdale; Ziggys and Moses. Please speak to the school office for more information.

Monday  
**Readers**

Bring  
**homework/spellings**  
folder back in.

Tuesday  
**Readers**

Homework folder goes  
out (Mon or Tues)

Wednesday  
**Readers**

Thursday  
**Readers**

**P.E**

Friday  
**Readers**

Proud Wall/  
Celebration

### Other messages...

#### Water bottles

In Reception the children have access to water all day. Please purchase your child's water bottle from the school office. **Please ensure your child's name is on their water bottle.**