



Dear Parents,

Wow! What a super first week we have had. The children have been enjoying settling in, making new friends and getting to know their new surroundings. We aim to make the transition from pre-school to big school as smooth as possible for your children so we will continue to spend time over the next few weeks getting to know one another, exploring our environment, making friends and establishing rules and routines. Thank you for the lovely photographs/drawings/pictures and comments etc that you have put into your child's Marvellous Me books. The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing them with us and it has helped us to get to know them a little better too. Please do continue to add to them.

This term we will have lots of fun with our first topic 'Marvellous Me' and a copy of what we will be covering this is attached. This list is neither exhaustive nor definitive and can change as we follow the children's interests.

To help us get to know each other we will be making a display of our families so please do send in a family photograph. We will also be looking at growing and changing and would appreciate it if you could send in a photo of your child as a baby too.

We also love to hear about the children's adventures outside of school so please encourage your child to bring in photos, objects, leaflets, pictures and creations for show and tell. (No toys though please). We love to celebrate things that the children have achieved outside of school in class too, so please do send in any certificates, swimming badges, medals etc for your child to show and tell to their friends.

Finally we would like to say thank you for helping to settle your child in so smoothly. We are amazed at how well the children (and parents) have managed in what can be a very exciting yet daunting time for all. However, it is not unusual for children to suddenly become anxious or upset in the morning even if they haven't shown signs of this previously. Should this happen please be assured that we will take every step necessary to make your child feel as settled as possible and whilst it is so hard to leave them whilst so upset the quicker parents are able to leave the easier it will be. This is my ninth year of teaching in Venus class and I can honestly say that that I have never seen those initial tears last more than a minute or two after parents have left. If there were to be any problems at all we would contact you, but please if you have any other concerns or questions as we all settle in do come and speak to us after school.

Finally, in only our second week we already have children who are walking down to the classroom either with friends or independently, well done! As soon as your child is feeling confident please encourage them to do the same as this helps them to become more independent and responsible in putting their own things away.

Many thanks,

Mrs S Winchester & Miss L Court

