Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. This term our topic is **'It's All About Me.'**

Within this topic we will be looking at how we grow and change, learning about our senses and how they help us explore the world, comparing babies and adults, talking about our families and recognising how we are all different, comparing houses and homes, thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up and making a time line of our lives ... amongst many other exciting things.

This year our PE lesson will continue to be on Wednesday afternoon, and the children are asked to attend school in their PE kits on this day of the week with any earrings removed before school, thank you. Your child will obviously need to be in suitable plimsolls/trainers and, as the weather turns cooler, perhaps a pair of school colour tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie as they will also be going out for playtimes in their kit.

Year 1 and **Year 2** children. We will endeavour to continue to have our spelling test on a Friday morning this year, therefore your child will need their spelling book in school on Friday. Your child will receive spellings on a Friday to learn with you throughout the week and be tested on them the following Friday. The spellings your child receives will be connected to their phonics for that week and occasionally topic based.

Take Home Project This term we are continuing our 'take home project' which your child can work on all term with you at home. The project will be linked to our topic. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are to create a model of their favourite room in their house, in a shoe box. (If you have two children in the class they may work on the project together) The date for the project to be in school is to be confirmed, but will be in December.

Parents, please could I remind you that, while in Maple Class, your child needs a spare set of clothes, including underwear and socks, also to be kept at school in your child's locker. This helps if they slip in the mud/a puddle, get wet playing in the water tray, or the inevitable accident.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Rachel Baker