Welcome to Maney Hill Primary School and to your new Reception classes. We have really enjoyed getting to know your children already and look forward to watching them settle into their new class and school with the help of their teachers and buddies. In Reception we will have plenty of opportunities to explore, play and learn about the world through lots of different topics.

## Curriculum

In Reception we base our work around topics, each one we focus on for couple of weeks. Our first topic is called 'Marvellous Me'. The children will be sharing with us what they already know about themselves and their families and about the other children in their class. We will discover things about what makes us unique, our family and local community, our feelings and how to stay healthy and safe. We will continue learning more about ourselves and our local community when looking at our next topic 'People Who Help Us'. Our final topic this half term will be 'Magic and Potions'

During, the second half of this term we will learn about Diwali and Bonfire Night during our 'Light up the sky' topic. We will also be exploring the topics of 'Autumn' and 'Celebrations'.

Throughout the year we will be teaching your child to read using our Read, Write, Inc. Phonics scheme. We will send home a sound book with all the new sounds we learn each week.

# Information

#### PI

This will be on **Monday** for RM and **Friday** for RR. The children will also be involved in a wide range of Physical Development activities in our classroom & playground. Please ensure that your child is coming to school wearing their PE kit on the day they are doing PE.

## Parents' Welcome Meeting

We hope you are able to attend our information sharing morning on **Wednesday 17**<sup>th</sup> **September**. If you are unable to attend, let us know and we will pop an information pack in your child's book bag. RM Phonics Inspire workshop – 7<sup>th</sup> October RR Phonics Inspire workshop – 14<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening – 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November

**Book Bags** Please use the school book bag for your child to bring in to school each day rather than back packs. This ensures the children's reading folder and letters will fit in nicely. Bookbags can be purchased from the school office.

## Reminders

- Please ensure all items of clothing, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves are named.
- Please remember to check your child's book bag for letters each day. If you have any reply slips, can you please hand these to the teachers.
- Please send your child in with a coat or water proof jacket each day as it is getting colder and we try to be outside as much as possible.