



# Magnificent Me

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our families to Kents Hill Park Foundation Stage. We are really looking forward to the exciting year ahead. This half term is all about settling the children into school. Our very first topic will be '**Magnificent Me**' followed by '**Daring Dinosaurs**'. For our **Super Start**, we will be hosting a Teddy Bear Picnic, where we will begin our journey of getting to know each other. We will be helping the children to make new friends, to develop positive relationships with other children and staff and to learn the school rules and routines. For our **Marvellous Middle**, we will be transported back in time to find out all about prehistoric life with the dinosaurs. For our **Fabulous Finish** to our first half term, we will making our very own dinosaur fossils.

## An overview of our learning this half term:

As Writers and Readers...	Mark making and letter formation Reading stories about starting school and non-fiction books about growing up, families, homes and dinosaurs
As Mathematicians...	Match and sort, compare amounts, compare size, mass and capacity, explore pattern, representing numbers to 5, one more/less, positional language, shape
As Scientists...	Our body parts, changing and growing, seasons
As Historians...	Prehistoric life - Dinosaurs
As Geographers...	Finding our way around our new school environment
As Artists and Designers...	Self portraits
As Sportsmen and Sportswomen...	Rolling/Throwing/Catching/Aiming/Balancing ( <b>Tuesdays</b> )
As Linguists...	Answering the register in different languages
As Musicians...	Identify pulse of sounds and chants through movement, body sounds and percussion
As Performers...	Learning new songs and rhymes
RE	All about me – sharing information about different religious beliefs
Exploring the world	Starting school
Manners Curriculum	Excellent manners are extremely important. Each week we will focus on strengthening a different social skill.

## Important dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Foundation home visits

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Foundation morning or afternoon sessions

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Foundation in full time

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Foundation Phonics Workshop for Parents – 2-3pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Whole Primary House Non-Uniform Day – letter to follow

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Primary individual photos

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Primary Parents' Evening

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of term

## How you can help at home:

- Ensure that you have signed up for Tapestry – please speak with us if you need support
- Talking positively about your child's new school experiences.
- Remember to read regularly at home. It's important your child reads to you/talks you through the pictures, but you reading to them is really beneficial too!
- We will keep you updated about which phonics sounds your child is learning. Please recap all taught sounds at home each night.
- Encourage and support your child to become more independent.