



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Atlantic Academy! We're excited to begin what promises to be a fun and rewarding year with you and your child.

This term's topic is '**All About Me**'—a great way for children to introduce themselves and learn about both the similarities and differences between them and their new friends.

Our main focus is to help your child settle in, feel safe, and enjoy the start of their school journey.

Reception continues the Early Years Foundation Stage, with plenty of learning through play and exploration. As the year goes on, we'll begin introducing more structured activities to prepare for the move to Year 1.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Early Years Team.

Best wishes,

**Mr Blanthorn and Mrs Colclough**

## OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

## What makes you unique?

**IN WRITING** we will be learning how to write our first names and letter formation for letters of the alphabet.

**IN MATHEMATICS** we will be checking our number recognition and ordering skills.

**IN PHONICS** we will be identifying sounds within our environment learning our RWI Set 1 single sounds.

**IN EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN** we will be creating self portraits and will be drawing pictures of our family and friends.

**IN COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE** we will be developing the language that is used to describe ourselves and others.

**IN UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD** we will be learning about our similarities and differences and explore what makes us unique.

**IN PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT** we will be learning about school and how to interact appropriately with others. We will be introducing the children to the school rules and shall be making our own class charters.

**IN PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT** we will be having an introduction to P.E with the Fundamental Movement Skills of: running, dodging, skipping, hopping, jumping and balancing - incorporating the basics of movement in sport, out on the school field. We also incorporate a lot of 'call and response' games for fun and enjoyment alongside instruction following.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please make sure all items of uniform and water bottles are clearly labelled.

- On **Tuesdays**, Reception children must bring their PE kit to school. Their PE kit can stay on their peg. No jewellery or hoodies please.
- On **Fridays**, Reception children have Beach School. Please provide your child with labelled wellington boots.
- Please make sure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled.