

# Reception Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026

## What will we be learning?

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| Communication and language | This term we will be spending lots of time engaging in play with our new friends. Staff will model and extend children's language through high quality interactions. We will be engaging in oracy sessions where we will be talking about key vocabulary and trying to use it in our own sentences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| PSED                       | We will be learning the rules and expectations of school to keep us all safe and happy. We will be sharing facts about ourselves during circle times so we can get to know each other and recognise that everyone has similarities and differences. Throughout our play, we will continually learn key skills such as sharing, listening and making choices.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Physical development       | We will be engaging in lots of activities to develop our gross and fine motor skills throughout our play. We will be doing a weekly PE lesson in the hall where we will be learning how to travel around the space safely in a variety of different ways.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Literacy                   | In phonics we will be starting to learn the phase 2 sounds. We will be practising segmenting and blending with the sounds we learn. We will begin to have handwriting lessons to learn how to form letters correctly. These will be taught in letter families and this term we will be focusing on the curly family (c, a, o, d, g, q, e, s, f).<br>During storytime we will read a range of different books and answer simple retrieval questions about them.                                                                                 |
| Mathematics                | This term we will be singing lots of number songs and practicing our choral counting. We will be matching, sorting and comparing objects. Subitising is a key skill we focus on in reception and this term we will be learning to subitise up to 5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Understanding the world    | We will be exploring our senses as part of our 'All About Me' topic through a range of different activities. We will also learn more about our class through finding out about each other's families and homes. We will be learning about maps and having a go at making our own maps. In computing we will be learning about internet safety and playing some games on the interactive whiteboard to develop our touch screen skills. For harvest we will be making and tasting bread and finding out all about what happens at harvest time. |
| Expressive arts and design | This half term, we will be building and creating with a variety of materials. We will use paint to create different pieces of artwork linked with our learning. We will also be using our experiences to support our role play in the home corner and hairdressers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Key dates...



WC 14th September - Family photos to be brought in to discuss the following week

WC 28th September - A photo of the children's home to be brought in to discuss the following week.

Thursday 8th October 5pm - Reading workshop for parents. There will be a film and hot chocolate in the classroom for the children.

Friday 9th October - Harvest Festival

Thursday 15th October at 8:45 - Stay and Play

Monday 19th October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 21st October - Parents Evening

Friday 23rd October - End of half term

## Ideas to support learning at home...

### Reading:

- Read on a regular basis. School reading books will be sent home every Friday and they will also be swapped on this day.
- Discuss the story with your child. What has happened so far? What do you think will happen next?

### Promoting Independence

- Learn how to find and identify your own coat
- Learn how to put on your own coat and school jumper
- Make sure you can put on your own shoes
- Be confident to go to the toilet on your own