



Curriculum Overview

Year: Reception

Autumn 1 2026

Communication and Language Literacy

We will focus on developing your child's listening skills, teaching them how to listen and why listening is important. We will do this through circle and story times so that your child will learn when and how to respond to questions.

We will provide lots of opportunities for your child to talk in small group and whole class situations, modelling sentences involving new and exciting vocabulary around stories and the topic.

We will re-read stories to build familiarity around events and characters, providing your child with the skills to retell stories in their own words in play.

Stories this topic will focus on the theme of starting school, feelings, senses, their body and learning about families and their local community. These include:



We will introduce daily phonics lessons where we will teach your child to recognise single letter sounds and how to blend sounds into simple words.

Theme for this term:

Our theme for this half term is
'Me and My Community'



We will discuss their likes and dislikes and feelings for starting school. We will learn about their body and their senses and how they have changed from a baby. We will also talk about who is in their family.

Physical Education

This half term we will be teaching skills for moving in different ways, such as rolling, and crawling. They will learn how to negotiate space safely, how to jump off an object and land safely on two feet and how to carry and balance equipment carefully.

Your child should come in their PE kit every Friday.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Self Regulation- My Feelings

In this topic children will learn to explore and understand their feelings and begin to learn how to communicate and cope with their feelings

Mathematics

Children will learn to match, sort and compare objects by noticing similarities and differences, grouping items and using mathematical language to describe and compare them. They will explore measure and patterns, developing their understanding of size, weight, capacity and repeating patterns through everyday experiences. In the "It's Me, 1, 2, 3" module, children will begin to recognise and represent numbers 1, 2 and 3, developing their counting skills, understanding of quantity and confidence using number language in different situations. Throughout these modules, children will build confidence in talking about their mathematical ideas, solving problems, and making connections through play and exploration.

Understanding the World Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will learn all about their body and explore the environment with their senses. They will look at photographs of themselves now and compare these to ones of them as a baby.

They will learn about where they live and the location of our school using Google Earth and aerial maps.

Through our woodland visits they will learn about Autumn and observe the changes on the environment.

Our focus Artist is Picasso and they will create their very own portrait in the style of Picasso.