

Please remember...

...to make sure that all children's belongings have their name written on them! It will make pairing up children's coats and jumpers much easier!

...to pack spare clothing in case of any water play or toilet accidents that result in your child needing to change.

...that for this term, PE will be on **Wednesday**.

...that shared story books will be changed on request. Please put your child's folder in the box on arrival to school. Please remember to share stories together 📖 every day to support language

Reception Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to the Autumn Term!

We are delighted to welcome both old and new children into Reception this term! We are looking forward to getting to know each child, helping them to make new friends and supporting them as they settle into their new environment. We will spend time becoming familiar with our new school routines, such as tidy-up time, snack time, carpet sessions and getting ready for transitions throughout the day. Most importantly we want every child to

Communication

This term the children in Reception will develop their communication and language skills by learning how to show they are listening, such as looking at the speaker and responding appropriately.

Through modelling and practical activities, they will begin to understand and respond to 'why' questions and take turns in conversations, listening to others and sharing their own ideas and experiences. These skills will help the

Physical Development

This term the children in Reception will develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of practical and physical activities.

Through modelling and practise, they will be encouraged to develop a pincer grip to strengthen their fingers and hands, and support handwriting progression. They will also be reminded how to use scissors safely, practising how to hold and control them to snip paper.

During PE lessons and outdoor learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, the children in Reception will be supported to settle into school, build confidence and develop a sense of belonging. They will learn about our school rules and daily routines, helping them to feel safe, secure and increasingly independent.

Through play and shared experiences, the

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This term in Religious Education, our Reception children will be exploring Creation and Covenant. Through stories, conversations, songs, and practical activities, the children will learn about the wonderful world God created and develop an understanding that God made each of us and loves us very much. They will explore the beauty and variety of creation and have opportunities to reflect on their own experiences, share what they are thankful for and recognise ways in which we can

Understanding the World

This term the children will explore the world around them through first-hand experiences and meaningful discussions.

They will learn how to notice similarities and differences between themselves and their families, explore where they live and their local community, and develop an understanding of the people and community around them.

Throughout the term, the children will also observe and talk about changes in the weather, developing their curiosity and understanding of the world.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children in Reception will be learning how to develop their creativity through mark making, cutting skills and exploring colour.

This term they will experiment with different types of lines, including straight, wavy, and zig-zag lines, and practice using scissors to cut along different lines.

The children will learn to recognise and name the primary colours and use a variety of materials to create colourful artwork to express their own ideas.

Topic Literacy

In Reception, the children develop their early writing skills through meaningful mark making and by using the letters and sounds they have learnt to record their ideas.

Through our key texts, including 'Where the Wild Things Are' and 'Look Up', the children are encouraged to explore writing for different purposes, develop their phonics knowledge and begin to represent sounds and letters.

These experiences build confidence in communicating their ideas through their writing.

Mathematics

This term the children will develop their mathematical understanding through practical, play based experiences.

Following the White Rose scheme of work, the children will explore matching, sorting and comparing, begin to talk about measure and patterns and develop a secure understanding of numbers 1-5; including counting, recognising quantities and subitising,

They will also explore circles, triangles and shapes with four sides, using mathematical language to describe and compare what they

How can you help me at home?

Ask me lots of questions about my school day. While it's all still very new to me, I might forget, but I will try to remember all the things I have been learning and tell you all about them!

Praise me when I try really hard and remind me about how I should behave in school when I'm at home.

Read stories to me (and with me) every day.

Please refer to the DfE website for further information

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