

Reception Curriculum overview Autumn 2 2025

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(To Know You More Clearly)

Prophecy and Promise

The focus of this branch is for pupils to develop an understanding of God's love. We will do this through scripture, prayer, hymns and arts and crafts.

Physical development

Fine motor skills:

Use of different resources to challenge and develop our fine motor controls, such as tweezers, threading and pincers.

Gross motor skills: running, climbing, stretching, walking up/down stairs, travelling on different parts of the body, learning a range of different balances during our gymnastic PE sessions.

Personal, Social & Emotional development

Managing feelings and behaviour, making relationships, self-confidence and self-awareness.

Children are now becoming confident in the classroom environment. We will be encouraging children to build up their resilience and take on new challenges in their learning with a can-do attitude.

Communication & Language

Speaking, listening and understanding:

Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.

English

Reading: Our focus for the half term will be 'Star in a Jar' by Sam Hay.

Writing: we are developing our pencil control by forming letters and shapes. We will use our key text to develop our literacy skills.

Phonics: We continue our Monster Phonics program, practising reading and writing cvc words.

Maths

This half term children will learn:

- All about the numbers 1,2 and 3.
- Circles and triangles
- Numbers to 5
- The names of 2D shapes with 4 sides/ edges.

Understanding the world

We will be looking at the seasonal changes through exploration of **Winter**. We will be focusing on special celebrations in all cultures with a focus on Christmas.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using different materials for construction and design. We will continue to build up our song bank and add some for Christmas performance.

Events & celebrations

There will be a number of festive events in this half term including EYFS Christmas Songs and Crafts, Christmas Jumper Day, School Christmas Dinner Day.

Keep your eye on the school website for dates.

Learning Life skills

We will continue to encourage independence and resilience. This will be feeding into our children's positive learning attitudes and will develop their characteristics of a good learner.

A focus this half term is dealing with our emotions and conflicts. The children will learn strategies through play on how to listen and respond appropriately.

Learning in the environment

As the weather changes and the nights get darker this is a great opportunity for children to understand the world around them. We will explore the outdoor area for signs of winter, frost, plants and wildlife.

In phonics, the children have been learning new phonemes weekly, blending for reading and focusing on letter formation. We want to encourage writing for pleasure and using what they know. There will be lots of writing opportunities in play!

Family Learning

Please buy a book bag from our office as they are now available, they cost £3.50. We will be sending home readers that will be changed every Friday.

We also have a big focus on talk time this year. This is quick and easy for you to support at home! Have a talk about what you can see on the way to school, what you're making for lunch or what your plans are for the weekend! It all supports their learning.

