

Reception Curriculum overview

Spring 2 2026

RE

(To Know You More Clearly)

Desert to Garden

Children will learn a simplified version of Holy week, including Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We will focus on Lent and how Jesus rose and we celebrate. We will talk about how God loves everyone.

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. Our PE sessions will be dance, with a focus on expressive movement and traveling

Personal, Social & Emotional development

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

Children will start to think about why we take turns, wait politely, tidy up after ourselves and so on. Taking responsibility for their actions.

We will also focus on independence at self-care and the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Communication & Language

Speaking, listening and understanding:

Children will be encouraged to make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding of what has been said to them and what they are learning.

English

Reading: Our focus for Drawing Club this half term, will start "Little Red" by Beth Woolvin. We will look at lots of different traditional tales.

Writing: Children are being encouraged to be more independent writers, using our Phonic knowledge to write short captions and sentences.

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

Maths

The children will:

- Learn about length, height and time
- Know the different ways to build 9 and 10
- Explore 2D shapes – their names and properties.

Understanding the world

We will be looking for signs of spring all around us and changes in weather. The children will learn about new life and growth at this time of year, exploring the local environment.

Expressive arts and design

Children will use a range of ways to paint and mix colours. We will be looking at details in our pictures.

We will use role play and acting out to retell stories and create our own imaginative play.

Events & celebrations

Monday 23rd February – Back to school

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 20th March – INSET day

Tuesday 31st – Easter Holiday

Learning Life skills

We will continue to encourage independence and resilience. This term we are taking part in the Liverpool city council tooth brushing scheme. This will support children in learning the importance of oral hygiene and giving them the knowledge and skills to be independent with tooth brushing.

A focus this half term is for children to be able to express how they are feeling and think about how others are feeling. Our collective worship time is great for reflecting on this matter and enables children to take this into their da-to-day life.

Learning in the environment

In class the children will be encouraged to be more independent learners by taking up challenges in the different areas; this might include maths challenges or using writing resources to write and mark make during their own play.

We will also be focusing on using their maths knowledge in play, encouraging the children to order numbers, count amounts and use size and shape language to describe and enhance their play and understanding of maths concepts.

Family Learning

Please buy a book bag from our office as they are now available. 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.

