

# Reception Curriculum overview Autumn 1 2026

## RE

(To Know You More Clearly)

### Creation and Covenant- The season of Creation

We will learn that God is our Father, that God loves us. We will learn that God wants us to love the world and each other and ways in which we can be closer to God, including prayer.

## Physical development

**Fine motor skills:** Opportunities to write using different resources (sand, paint, shaving foam etc), cutting, weaving, paper craft, building, sorting, threading beads etc.

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

## Personal, Social & Emotional development

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

Children will have opportunities to develop new relationships with new staff and make new friendships. Teachers will be supporting children with settling in, transition periods and problem solving.

## Communication & Language

### Speaking, listening and understanding

Opportunities to talk about ourselves, the things we do and don't like in school and our interests. We will be learning to listen to each other and our teachers. We will be learning to follow some new routines and instructions. As a unit we will be developing our own set of rules. Our listening skills will be improved through the use of stories and nursery rhymes.

## English

**Reading:** We will be reading books about our feelings and settling into school. We will be reading "The Colour Monster" as a class.

**Writing:** we are developing our gross and fine motor skills ready for writing.

**Phonics:** We have started our Monster Phonics program, learning new phonemes with a focus on blending.

## Maths

This half term we will cover:

- Matching, sorting and comparing objects.
- Talking about measures.
- Noticing patterns.
- All about the numbers 1,2 and 3.

## Understanding the World

We will be looking at the seasonal changes through exploration of Autumn. We will be exploring the senses that we use (sight, smell, touch, taste and sound).

## Expressive arts and design

We will be painting our portraits, pictures of things we like, making collages using a range of media and learning a repertoire of new Nursery Rhymes and Hymns.

## Events & celebrations

Keep your eye on the school website for dates.

## Learning Life skills

We will be developing our social skills through this half term. It is very important for our children to begin their school year feeling safe, secure and trusting all the adults who will be supporting them during this transition into full time school.

We will also have a big focus on independence. You can help your child by supporting them to do things at home. Things such as zipping up their own coat and putting on their own shoes.

## Learning in the environment

We will be taking an Autumn walk and noticing changes in our Early Years garden. We are very excited to start our Phonics so look out for our actions and rhymes that help us read, write and form letters!

We want to celebrate maths all around us this year so will be using play opportunities to support the learning.

## 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.

