

Hurst Green Primary School

What are we learning this term in Reception?

Literacy

Little Wandle Phonics

We will continue to consolidate the graphemes we have learnt so far and apply our knowledge to our reading and writing. Please can you continue to support your child's learning by practising tricky words and any supplementary work sent home in book bags.

I Am A Clever Writer

This half term, we will continue developing our fine motor skills, pencil control, and correct letter formation, ensuring that letters start from the correct starting points. We will also apply this knowledge to write dictated CVC words, as well as simple phrases and short sentences, helping to build confidence and independence in our early writing.

Maths

Our focus will be numbers to 20 and beyond. During this phase, we will be learning about number patterns and recognition, ordering numbers to 20 and looking at how we can represent the numbers. We will continue to learn about the composition of numbers e.g 17 is made up of 10 and 7 more and explore number bonds to 10. The children will also look at estimating in relation to whether a group of objects is more or fewer than 10. We will also revisit addition and subtraction. We will be using the "Concept Cat" as part of our daily maths sessions to introduce and reinforce key vocabulary in Reception. It helps make new words engaging and memorable for children.

Computing

The children will begin computing sessions this half term, where they will learn how to use a mouse, practicing skills like clicking and dragging. They will also explore the different parts of a computer, helping them become more familiar with technology.

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Theme: Superheroes

Value: Collaboration

P.E will continue to be on Friday and Forest Time on a Monday. **Balanceability** will take place on Wednesday mornings for groups (see Tapestry)

Reading

Please continue to read with your child at home. Reading books will be collected in on a Thursday to be changed, and new books given out on a Friday

Tapestry

Keep updated with what we are learning by using Tapestry. Remember to share home learning with us too!

My Happy Mind Module - Engage

The Engage module has a particular focus on using the knowledge and skills they have acquired to help them to engage in the world through Goal Setting. Integral to this is focusing on the Character Strength of perseverance, which links closely to resilience.

Physical Development

We will be continuing to think about the importance of exercise. We will be talking about healthy food and will have fun making our own health snacks. Our focus for PE is manipulation and coordination. The children will be learning to send and receive a variety of objects using different body parts, work with others to control objects in a space and coordinate body parts in a range of different ways.

Understanding the World

Superheroes are all around us! In school there are teachers, teaching assistants, cooks, lunchtime supervisors and outside school there are police, paramedics, doctors and religious leaders and many more. Each week, we will learn about a different real-life hero in our community and will be visited by the Fire Service, Police Service, and our School Nursing Team. We will learn all about their jobs and how they help us.

Exploring Art and Design

Creating with Materials

The children will be exploring colour, shape, and texture as they create their own superhero-themed artwork using a variety of materials. They will be using all of the skills they've learned so far including joining, cutting, folding, and painting to design and make their own creative pieces.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

We will continue to encourage children to use their creativity to explore and share their ideas, thoughts, and feelings through various forms of art, music, role play, and movement.

Exciting Event!

Tuesday 19th May 2026 - We will be visiting Birmingham Conservation Park. This exciting visit will introduce our Summer 2 topic, We Are Explorers.

Please see Upcoming Events on our website for further key dates and Miss Wilson's fortnightly newsletter.