

What are we learning this term in Reception?

Literacy

Little Wandle Phonics

The term begins with starting to learn phase 2 phonics following the Little Wandle Phonics programme. Your child will bring home an overview of teaching and information for you to support their learning at home at the end of each week.

I Am A Clever Writer

This half term, we are focusing on pre-writing skills such as using lacing cards, threading beads and using tweezers to pick up small items to help the children develop their fine motor skills. We will also focus on our pencil control by tracing over pictures and patterns, holding a pencil correctly using a tripod grip, giving meaning to the marks that we make and tracing over names.

Communication & Language

This half term we will be using a range of wonderful books to celebrate our favourite stories and to learn about different celebrations. The children really enjoyed learning the story of Rama and Sita for Diwali. Over the next few weeks, we will be celebrating some of our favourite stories such as The Gruffalo, Aliens love Underpants, The Christmas story and sharing the children's favourite books for story time.

Understanding the World

Over this half term, we will learn about a range of celebrations and how they are prepared and celebrated. We will continue to learn about our seasons and explore the changes that happen from Autumn into Winter. We will learn about various animals and where they live.

Autumn 2 2025

Theme: Celebrations

Value: Compassion

P.E will be on Friday mornings for all children, **Balanceability** on Wednesday mornings for groups (see Tapestry) , **Forest Time** to be confirmed.

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- Celebrate

This term, Reception will be learning all about celebrating themselves and others as part of our *My Happy Mind* programme. The children will explore what makes them special and unique, learn how to give and receive compliments, and think about the strengths and talents that make everyone different. These lessons will help them to build confidence, kindness, and positive relationships as they develop a strong sense of belonging in our school community.

PE- Manipulation and Coordination

This term in PE, Reception will be developing their manipulation and coordination skills. The children will learn to control and move equipment such as balls and beanbags through fun games that build balance, aim, and teamwork, helping them grow in confidence and control.

Maths

Our focus of learning will be on representing numbers to 5 and their composition. We will compare, sort and find different ways of making the numbers. We will learn about more and less, shapes with 4 sides and finally we will explore time, specifically using language to describe our daily routines and begin to measure time in simple ways. You can find more information about what we will be learning by following:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources?year=reception&subject=maths>

Exploring Art and Design

Creating with Materials

We will continue to follow the Kapow scheme with a focus on exploring paint and painting techniques through nature, music and collaborative work. We will also be developing our creativity through child-led exploration of mixed-media, making collages and transient art.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

This half term, Reception will be developing their imagination and expressive skills through music, movement, and role play. As we prepare for our Nativity performance, the children will be learning songs, practising actions, and taking on different roles. This helps them to express themselves with confidence, work together as a team, and enjoy the excitement of performing for others.