

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, helping children develop their fine motor skills and pencil control to build a strong foundation for writing.

Communication & Language

We will be using the book 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' as an introduction to learning about ourselves and our emotions. We will be talking about our families, likes and dislikes, similarities and differences, rules and routines and friendships. Children will make and bring their 'Marvellous Me' bags into school – giving them all an opportunity to talk about themselves with their classmates.

Maths

We will be having lots of fun in maths this half term. We will explore matching and sorting objects and making comparisons. We will also explore making a range of patterns using different resources. We follow the White Rose scheme of learning for maths. You can find more information about what we will be learning by following <https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources?year=reception&subject=maths>

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Theme: Marvellous Me!

Value:

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 – Meet Your Brain

In the first module, "Meet Your Brain", children learn about their brain and how it affects their thoughts and feelings. They explore simple ways to manage emotions, develop a growth mindset, and understand that making mistakes is part of learning.

PE– Body Management

This half term, children are developing balance, coordination, and control through fun activities like rolling, sliding, jumping, and using apparatus.

Reception Baseline Assessments

This term, your child will take part in the Reception Baseline Assessment, which helps us understand their starting points in key areas such as literacy, maths, and personal development. The assessment is informal and friendly, allowing us to tailor learning to support your child's progress.

Exploring Art and Design

Creating with Materials

We will focus on mark-making and creating self-portraits, using a variety of tools and materials to represent themselves and express their ideas following the KAPOW scheme.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

We will use Charanga to explore music and to develop creativity and self-expression. In music, we will listen and respond to different styles, learn nursery rhymes and action songs, experiment with classroom instruments, and share our performances.

Understanding the World

This half term, Reception children are exploring the world around them. They will learn about **themselves**, **their families**, and **their community**, observe **seasonal changes**.