



Reception Curriculum Information



This term, the children will learn through 'All About Me' and 'Let's Celebrate' the topics as well as through their interests. We will explore festivals such as Harvest, Remembrance Day and Christmas. The children will have Forest School and Balanceability sessions each week.



Here is an overview of the learning in each area in the children's first term of school.

Prime Areas of Learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Communication and Language	Physical Development
As the children make lots of new friends, they will learn how to play and work well together. They will learn to take turns and share through 'circle time' games. They will consider how their actions affect others and how to manage their feelings and behaviour. We will be building the children's independence by encouraging them to do things for themselves, including with their personal hygiene and dressing.	The children will be building their listening skills and ability to pay attention to others. We will help them to organise, sequence and clarify their thinking. As the children are listening and responding to stories, we will encourage them to ask questions and predict what might happen next. This will lead on to them making up their own stories and taking part in role-play activities. Our class mascot, 'Lola the Listening Leopard', will help the children build their listening skills.	On a daily basis, the children will join in with running, jumping, climbing and riding the balance bikes. We are very excited to have Balanceability lessons this term to get the children started. In our PE lessons the children will develop their agility, balance and coordination. To build their fine motor control, there will be lots of opportunities for mark making both inside and outside the classroom. The children will also learn to hold brushes and scissors correctly.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy	Mathematics
Through our reading sessions, the children will be learning lots of new stories and nursery rhymes, focusing on the repeated language. In our daily phonics lessons, the children will be introduced to most of the single letter sounds and their written representation. They will be encouraged to segment and blend these sounds to read simple words like sun and cat. The children will learn the first, often used tricky words – those which cannot be blended from sounds at this stage. They will practise and apply their phonic knowledge in our regular group reading sessions. In these sessions, we work on decoding words, prosody and comprehension. We will also work on the children's strength and control to help them write their first letters.	In our mathematics sessions, the children will be matching, sorting and comparing. They will learn how the numbers from 1-5 can be represented physically and in numerals. We make sure the children really get to know a number so they can recognise amounts quickly (subitise) and explore their composition in wholes and parts (e.g. that 2 and 3 are parts of 5). They will learn through lots of practical activities and will do lots of comparing so they can recognise greater and less amounts. The children will start to count and recognise numerals beyond 5. They will also be introduced to repeating patterns, the properties of 2D shapes and the days of the week. There will be many opportunities for the children to apply their number skills within the learning environment.
Understanding the World	Expressive Art and Design
Through this area of learning, we will help the children gain a strong understanding of themselves, the special people in their lives and their place in the community. We will encourage them to talk about their experiences and favourite things. The children will also learn about their senses, how their body works, changes in the seasons and about forces around them. They will consider how we remember special events from the past (e.g. Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night) through yearly celebrations, as well as where their homes are situated (e.g. such as street, town and country). The children will begin to learn about religious celebrations such as Harvest, Diwali and Christmas and why these occasions are considered important. They will explore computer hardware for the first time and be introduced to activities that involve data handling.	There will be lots of opportunities for the children to be creative and develop their skills using a variety of different materials and media and range of tools and techniques. They will be encouraged to construct, cut, join and embellish media to make models. We will develop the children's awareness of printing, drawing, painting, collage, 3D sculpture, textiles, structures and food preparation. The children will also have lots of fun, singing songs and making music by exploring percussion instruments. This term's songs relate to our daily routines, Harvest, autumn time and Christmas – when the children have their Nativity performance. We encourage the children to use their imagination and share their ideas, thoughts and feelings in a variety of ways, including in our role play areas such as the doctor's surgery and home corner.

Things to Do at Home

Phonics Sound Packs: each week, we will be sending home the new sounds we have taught as well as any new tricky words. Please encourage your child to read the sounds out loud and make words from the lists included in the pack. We will post details of new sounds we are learning on ClassDojo. Your child can practice these through games on the Phonics Play website: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Reading Books: we send home books to be read together for enjoyment and we also set phonetically decodable e-books online for your child to read independently to practise their phonics. Please aim for daily reading at home, and talk about key events and characters in the stories etc. with your child. The books and e-books include support notes and key questions to help you. We will provide further information about our reading books and phonics lessons shortly.

Letter Formation: we will regularly send home letter formation sheets for your child to practise new letters.

Maths: please count forwards and backwards to 5 regularly. When out and about, look for numerals and encourage counting objects. Explore more than and less than by singing counting songs and playing maths games. You may find this website useful for maths activities; <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

We look forward to working with you and your child this term. 😊 If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask to a member of the Reception Team. You can message us directly on ClassDojo.