Nursery and Reception Curriculum Information

Autumn 1 2026

'All About Me'

Literacy

Across the half term, we will be reading texts which will help us think about who we are and what it means to live in the world. The texts which we are reading are:

The Colour Monster, Anna Llenas
The Colour Monster Goes to School, Anna Llenas
Two Monsters, David McKee
Owl Babies, Martin Waddell
The Family Book, Rod Parr
Where's My Teddy, Jez Alborough
Funnybones, Janet and Allan Ahlberg

As well as reading these books and discussing them as a class, everyone will take part in adult-led activities inspired by each book and resources linked to each text will be added to the classroom provision.

Reception will begin their Phonics lessons during the week beginning September 14th. This half term, we will learn the letters *s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f* and *l*. We will also learn the tricky words 'is', 'I' and 'the' and practise blending and segmenting words. Please get in touch if you have any questions about Phonics or if you would like some advice on supporting your child at home.

Forest School

On a Tuesday and Thursday, Nursery and Reception will be having Forest School sessions which will be led by Mrs Clark. This half term, we will be exploring our school grounds and learning about the different areas (playground, field, meadow, woodland) and how to behave in each area. We will be reading some woodland-themed texts and taking part in activities inspired by these books.

Classroom Provision

Our priority for this half term is making sure every child in Nursery and Reception feels safe and welcome in the school and knows our rules and routines. At the start of the half term, we will be spending lots of time playing games together to help us all become friends, know each other's names, and understand our expectations for behaviour when playing in the classroom and outside.

We have a Home Area set up in the classroom which we will use to discuss what home life is like for each member of the class and, as it gets closer to the end of the half term, we will make Halloween decorations which we can put in our Home Area to give it a spooky touch.

PSHE

Reception will have a PSHE session each week and, this half term, our focus is feelings. We will learn how to identify and name different feelings and understand how to manage some uncomfortable or unpleasant feelings.

Maths

At the start of the half term, Reception will be playing board games with the support of an adult and these games are designed to introduce simple mathematical concepts like counting, matching, comparing and grouping. After this, we will be learning about measuring length, mass and capacity using lots of practical resources both inside and outside our classroom. At the end of the half, we will explore the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We will learn about their value, their composition, and recognise quantities of 1, 2 and 3 without counting.

Nursery will explore quantity for the first part of this half term using the vocabulary 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'same'. We will also look at shapes and objects and explore how we can build with different resources.

RE

Nursery and Reception will have an RE session each week. This half term, we will be learning about what Christians believe about God, how he created the world, and how some Christians show their belief in God by going to church and by singing songs.

PE

Reception will have a PE lesson each Thursday with Ms Fernandez. This half term, they will be exploring different ways of running, jumping, hopping, skipping, balancing, crawling, catching and throwing. They will also be learning about sharing, communication, and playing safely during PE lessons.