



Reception Curriculum Information

Autumn Term • 2026–27

Welcome to Reception!

This is our first term in Reception. We have lots to learn, including the rules and routines of our classroom, how to become independent and how to be successful learners. Our themes this term are All are welcome and Let's celebrate.

RE

In our Creation and Covenant branch, we will learn that God created the world and that creation is very good. We will learn that God made each of us unique and precious, practise the Sign of the Cross and think about how we can care for God's world.

In Prophecy and Promise, we will hear how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary and how Mary said 'yes' to God. We will learn about Advent as a time of waiting and preparation, hear the story of Jesus' birth and the shepherds' visit, and celebrate that Jesus is God's promised Son.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will develop our counting, comparison and subitising skills. We will explore the composition of numbers, initially within 3 and then develop a deep understanding of numbers to 5. We will explore one more and one less and make connections between numerals and quantities. Alongside our number work, we will explore pattern, position, size, 2D and 3D shape, spatial relationships and length.

Literacy

As readers and writers, we will develop our listening skills and enjoyment of stories, rhymes and poems. Through our phonics learning, we will learn that letters represent sounds and begin to blend sounds to read words. We will develop our letter formation and use the sounds we know to write words, labels, captions and simple lists. We will begin to read books matched to our developing phonics knowledge.

Understanding the World

As explorers, we will talk about ourselves, our families and the people who are important to us. We will begin to understand our own personal history and how we have changed over time. We will explore our immediate environment, learn about our local area and begin to use simple maps. Through first-hand exploration, we will observe seasonal changes from autumn into winter and use our senses to investigate the natural world. We will explore light, dark and celebrations and investigate changes in materials, including ice and water. We will also recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Communication and Language

As communicators, we will develop our listening, attention and understanding through stories, conversations and our play. We will learn to express our ideas, speak in increasingly well-formed sentences, learn and use new vocabulary and listen and respond to others.

Physical Development

Physically, we will explore different ways of moving safely and confidently. We will develop our spatial awareness, balance, coordination and control when travelling on, under, over and through apparatus. We will also strengthen our hands and fingers and develop the fine motor control needed to use tools, including pencils and scissors, effectively.

Art and Design / Design Technology

As artists and designers, we will explore drawing, colour, texture and form. We will create self-portraits, explore colour mixing and use a range of materials and techniques to represent our ideas. Our celebration learning will inspire creative work including Diya lamps and firework artwork. We will begin to design and make simple products, select materials and use simple joining techniques. We will also experience food preparation safely and hygienically.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn about belonging to our class and school community. We will recognise and express our feelings, develop positive relationships with adults and our peers, learn to work together and understand why we have rules. We will build our confidence and independence as we settle into Reception.

Music



As musicians, we will listen and respond to different styles of music. We will learn and perform nursery rhymes, songs and action songs and begin to explore rhythm using our voices, bodies and instruments.

