

Curriculum Overview: Marvellous Me!

We Care, We Aspire, We Belong

These words underpin the ethos of our school and the teaching and learning that takes place. We strive to ensure all children care for their community on every level, aspire to be the best they can be and most importantly, develop a strong sense of belonging here at Milverton Community Primary School.

We care by learning about ourselves, families and our school community and celebrating what makes each of us unique. We recognise similarities and differences between people.

We aspire by building positive friendships, showing kindness and respect, looking after our environment and learning how to care for others in our community.

We belong by becoming confident, independent learners who are willing to try new things, persevere when challenges arise and take pride in our achievements.



To develop our social skills we will build positive relationships as we settle into Reception and become part of our class community. We will learn to work and play cooperatively, taking turns, sharing and completing challenges together. Through stories, discussions and play, we will develop confidence in expressing our thoughts and feelings whilst listening to others. We will celebrate what makes us unique, learn about different families and cultures, and develop kindness, empathy and respect for others. We will also start to build independence, learn to manage our emotions and develop resilience when facing new challenges.

To develop our communication skills we will develop our speaking and listening skills through stories, discussions and imaginative play. We will learn and use new vocabulary linked to our learning, using descriptive language to talk about ourselves, our local area, seasonal changes and the polar regions. We will share our own ideas and listen carefully to others. We will also work collaboratively with friends, giving and following instructions, sharing ideas and building confidence when speaking in a range of situations.

To develop our creative skills we will explore a range of materials, techniques and media to express our ideas and creativity. We will experiment with colour mixing, pattern and texture, taking inspiration from autumn, winter and the animals and environments we discover through our learning. We will explore music through singing, instruments and movement, learning to respond to different sounds, rhythms and beats. Through art, music, role play and imaginative play, we will create, perform and share our own ideas, including exploring the work of the artist Jackson Pollock.

To develop our physical skills we will develop our strength, coordination and confidence through a range of indoor and outdoor activities. We will explore different ways of moving, including travelling, balancing, climbing and negotiating obstacle courses. Through dance, music and active play, we will learn how our bodies move and respond to rhythm and sound. We will also develop our fine motor skills through activities that support drawing and writing, while learning how to stay healthy, safe and active. As our confidence grows, we will practise important skills such as riding a balance bike and using equipment safely.

Our Learning Adventures...

This term we hope to enjoy:
 Forest School sessions
 Autumn and winter welly walks
 A village and local area exploration
 Harvest activities
 A dance and story telling workshop
 Seasonal craft experiences
 Nativity performances and celebrations
 Polar exploration activities and small world adventures

To develop our literacy skills we will develop a love of reading through sharing a wide range of stories, poems, rhymes and non-fiction texts linked to our learning. We will learn new vocabulary and talk about characters, settings and events from the books we enjoy together. Through our daily phonics sessions, we will learn the sounds that letters make and begin to use this knowledge to read and write simple words and sentences. We will also develop our mark-making and writing skills, practising correct letter formation and using writing for a range of meaningful purposes.

To develop our mathematical skills we will develop confidence with numbers through counting, recognising, comparing and representing quantities in a range of practical activities. We will explore the composition of numbers and begin to solve simple addition and subtraction problems through play and real-life contexts. As we learn about our world, we will use mathematical language to describe position, direction, size, length, height and weight. We will also investigate pattern, shape and measure, applying our mathematical thinking to problem-solving activities both indoors and outdoors.

To develop our Understanding of the World we will explore the world around us and learn about the people, places and environments that make it special. We will find out about ourselves, our families and our local community, including exploring our school grounds and taking walks around the village. We will observe seasonal changes and discuss what we notice in nature during our Forest School & Explorers sessions. We will learn about different festivals and celebrations that are important to people around the world and think about how traditions can be similar or different. Through stories, maps, globes and technology, we will discover the fascinating polar regions, learning about explorers, polar animals and the habitats they live in. Throughout our learning, we will ask questions, investigate, observe and make connections between our own lives and the wider world.