

Communication & Language

Children will develop their listening and attention skills as they learn classroom routines and take part in stories, songs and group discussions.

They will be encouraged to talk about themselves, their families and their experiences, building confidence to express ideas and respond to others in familiar situations.

Topic

Children in Reception begin the year following the Foundation Stage Curriculum, learning through practical, play-based experiences that support their transition into school. Our topic 'All About Me' helps children to settle into routines, build relationships and develop an understanding of themselves, their families and their immediate environment.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Supporting children to settle happily into school will be a key focus in Autumn 1. Children will learn to build relationships, follow routines and develop independence in everyday tasks. They will be supported to manage their emotions, develop confidence and resilience, and begin to understand classroom rules and expectations.

Literacy

Children will begin to develop early reading and writing skills through daily phonics sessions, where they will be introduced to letter sounds and begin learning how sounds can be blended to read simple words. Early writing will focus on name writing, pencil grip and control, mark making and drawing, supported through Drawing Club and familiar stories such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs.



Understanding of the World

Children will explore their immediate environment, learning about their school, home and local area. They will talk about their families, explore different types of homes and begin to notice similarities and differences between people. Children will also observe seasonal change during Autumn and explore how people live around the world through stories, maps and role-play.

Mathematics

Children will begin developing early mathematical understanding by exploring matching, sorting and comparing objects. They will learn to identify and represent numbers 1, 2 and 3, practise subitising small amounts and begin to talk about one more and one less. Children will also explore simple patterns and measures through practical, hands-on activities.

Physical Development

Children will develop confidence and control in their movement as they explore the indoor and outdoor environment. There will be a strong focus on self-care skills, including toileting, dressing and hygiene, alongside developing fine motor skills through activities such as playdough and using tools safely. Children will take part in weekly PE with Mr Clark, supporting balance, strength and coordination.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will explore their creativity through art, music, dance and role play. They will create self-portraits and family pictures, experiment with colour and texture and take part in imaginative play within the home corner and creative areas.