



This is 'me'

Reception – Autumn 1



The Big Idea:

Settling into school, getting to know the rules and routines and making new friends.

Welcome to Reception Class.

This is our 'Curriculum Letter'. We will send out one of these each half term to keep you informed about the learning we will be doing at school.

This half term we will be thinking about ourselves and our families, and what makes us all special.

All of our learning is underpinned by the characteristics of effective learning; enabling children to be explorers, independent, motivated, focused, creative and resilient.

This half-term our School Value is:

Respect

Vocabulary: portrait, same, different, similar

Communication and Language:

We will be:

- Learning to be a good listener by taking turns to talk.
- Joining in with stories, songs and rhymes.
- Acting out games in the role-play area and with the small-world toys.



At Home:

- Spend time talking to your child about their day.
- Encourage taking turns in conversation, listening to others and waiting until someone else has finished speaking.

Literacy:

We will be:

- Learning to write our names using the correct letter formation.
- Introducing the initial phonemes (sounds) in our phonics programme
- Learn to blend and segment these sounds to read cvc words (*consonant-vowel-consonant, eg c-a-t*)
- Listening to stories and rhymes linked to our topics, joining in with repeating phrases and noticing new vocabulary



At Home:

- Practise name writing, perhaps when signing birthday cards, etc
- Play 'I-spy' games using the phonemes (sounds) taught at school.

Maths :

We will be:

- Learning to count and recognise numbers up to 5
- Counting objects reliably and accurately
- Learning to compare, sort and order groups of objects, saying which set has 'most' and 'fewest'



At Home:

- Spot numbers in the environment
- Help them to see different representations of a number, eg the digit '3', 3 fingers, 3 jumps, 3 spots on a dice...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:



We will be:

- Talking about ourselves – how we are different and how we are the same.
- Learning about the school and class rules.
- Taking turns in our games and with the toys.
- Learning to share resources.

At Home:

- Discuss and label feelings such as sadness, happiness, feeling cross, lonely, scared or worried.
- Play games that encourage sharing and taking turns e.g. board games, skittles etc.

Physical Development:



We will be:

- Learning how to look after ourselves by being healthy, exercising and learning to play safely.
- Take part in daily P.E. sessions, exploring fundamental movement and coordination skills as well as developing spatial awareness.
- Develop fine motor skills daily to support children when writing their names and forming letters.
- Learning to take off, put on and do up our coats

At Home:

- Help your child to take their coat and jumper on/off independently.

Expressive Arts and Design:



We will be:

- Learning to use our Creation Station to explore a range of media and tools safely.
- Learning to look closely at ourselves so we can represent what we see.
- Enjoying singing on our own or in a group and learning some new songs.

At home:

- Encourage safe and careful transportation and use of scissors.
- Sing nursery rhymes together.

Understanding the World:



We will be:

- Learning what makes us each special and different from each other.
- Learning who lives in our home and that every family is different, but special.

At Home:

- Talk about who is in your immediate family, including those people who may not live in your home and you may not see often.

WANTED - Reader Helpers

If you could regularly spare an hour or so each week to hear some children read, we'd be delighted to welcome you to the team! This is a lovely chance to support the children as they begin their reading journey. You don't need to be an expert or know anything about teaching children to read. If you've got the enthusiasm and time, we can provide eager children who would be thrilled to show you their new reading skills. Please come and speak to one of us for further details. (P.S. Dads are welcome too!)

The Reception Team - Mrs Burkill, Mrs Powley and Mrs Hedges