



Reception Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term



Please find below an overview of the term, along with some ideas to help you support your child's learning at home. Please contact your child's class teacher if you would like any further information.

Area of learning	Curriculum	How you can support learning at home
Religious Education	Autumn 1 – Creation and Covenant Autumn 2 – Prophecy and Promise	Talk about how God made the world, and that he made each of us special and unique. Talk about how to look after God's beautiful world. Talk about our feelings and others' and how to be a kind friend. Encourage children to retell Nativity story using toys, puppets, dressing-up clothes or homemade props. Talk about the meaning of Advent and how Christians prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Visit a local church to look at a Nativity scene and talk about what the different figures represent.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Developing confidence and independence. We focus on helping the children settle happily, enjoy learning, and develop important skills like sharing, taking turns, and working together. We also focus on building secure relationships with adults and peers, learning routines and expectations, recognising and talking about emotions. Children learn to manage their own hygiene and ask for help when needed. Children will play, explore ideas, and begin to reflect on their learning.	Give your child small chances to be independent and talk positively about their day. Play simple games to practise sharing and taking turns. Read and chat together to build confidence and communication. Celebrate efforts, notice achievements, and let them solve things themselves. Please encourage your child to use cutlery and put their clothes on independently. These steps help your child become a happy, confident learner.
Communication and Language	In the Autumn term, children will enjoy exploring storybooks, talking about characters, and retelling stories using repeated phrases. We	Read and talk about stories together, encouraging them to retell events in their own words, and playing rhyming or word

	will support their speaking and listening through rhyme, storytelling, and language activities. Through positive interactions the children will be encouraged to share ideas, take turns in conversation, and express themselves with confidence.	games. Chatting about daily routines, taking turns in conversation, and asking and answering questions helps build their confidence, listening, and speaking skills.
Physical Development	We will learn to move safely around our playground with friends. We will begin to use a tripod grip when using mark making tools. Developed through a range of fine motor activities such as threading and play dough.	Encouraging running, jumping, climbing, or riding a scooter to build strength and coordination. For fine motor skills, try activities like drawing, colouring, cutting with scissors, threading beads, or using playdough to strengthen hands and fingers.
Literacy	We will be learning to independently look at a book, hold it the correct way and turn pages. We will be learning the phase 2 sounds, and segmenting and blending sounds together to read words. We will be mark making at every opportunity and will give meanings to the marks we make.	Read together daily and talk about the stories. Encourage children to retell stories in their own words, recognise letters and sounds, and practise mark-making through drawing or writing. Support you child with initial sound recognition as well as early oral blending and segmenting skills.
Maths	We will focus on counting, recognising numbers, and understanding simple addition and subtraction through hands-on activities. We will also practise comparing quantities, exploring patterns, and using mathematical language to talk about their thinking.	Counting everyday objects and spot numbers around you. Use toys or snacks for simple adding and taking away, compare amounts, and explore patterns with blocks or drawings. Talk about “more,” “less,” “bigger,” and “smaller” in everyday situations to help build their confidence.
Understanding the World	We will find out more about the natural world and it’s animals, learning about celebrations and festivals such as St Francis of Assisi Feast Day, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and later in the term Christmas. As part of this work, we will be exploring the outside environment. We will take part in regular	<u>Go on an Autumn Walk!</u> What can you see and hear? Can you draw pictures of the things that you find? 

	seasonal walks (Wellie Walk) making the most of our school grounds.	
Expressive Arts and Design	Using our topics as a theme we will be learning about texture, colour, and techniques for painting, drawing and collage. We will also be using our voices and bodies to express stories through role play, retelling, songs, and movements	Encourage drawing, painting, singing, dancing, and role-play. Provide materials to explore colours, shapes, and textures, and join in their creative play. Celebrate their ideas and imagination, letting them express themselves freely.

Phonics

Oral blending is one of the most important skills children develop before learning to read. It helps them hear and put together the individual sounds in words (for example, c-a-t = cat), which is a key foundation for early reading. Practising oral blending through games and everyday activities supports listening skills, vocabulary development, and prepares children for phonics lessons. Below are links to the Read Write Inc. website, where you can find some fun Fred Talk games to enjoy together at home.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YNoKycYk/drdp3F7Y>

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Reading for pleasure at home

Reading for pleasure is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning and development. Sharing books **every day** helps children develop a love of reading, expands their vocabulary, strengthens their language and listening skills, and stimulates their imagination. Research has shown that children who are read to daily are exposed to significantly more words than those who are read to less frequently, helping them build the strong language foundations needed for future reading success. Even just 10 minutes a day can make a real difference, and reading more often provides even greater benefits. Most importantly, reading together should be an enjoyable and special time that helps children develop a lifelong love of books.