



Reception

Spring Term 1, 2026



Communication & Language

This term, we will be working hard on two step instructions when in the school environment.

We will be encouraging the children to questions to find out more.

Using and understanding a range of complex sentence structures.

Developing the confidence to talk to other adults they see in school daily.

Encouraged talk in sentences using conjunctions e.g. and, because.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, children will learn to talk about the concept of money and will have many opportunities to 'spend' money in the classroom environment!

Self regulation, Managing self and Building relationships

We will work hard on focusing for longer periods of time, be given opportunities to show resilience and, as the weather is cold, will be practising doing up coat buttons and zips independently!

Physical Development

Fine Motor Skills

The children will have many opportunities to practise holding tools correctly and safely e.g. scissors, pencils and brushes.

They will also be working on their letter formation during kinetic letters.

Gross Motor Skills

In Dance, the children will be able to create short sequences of movement using shapes, balances and actions.

They will have opportunities to demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing in the construction area, building ramps for cars and vehicles!

Understanding the World

Schools in the past

Children will explore differences and similarities about things in the past and now, drawing on their own experiences. They will begin to use appropriate language such as 'in the past' and 'a long time ago' to represent the passing of time. They will explore some photographs and drawings that represent the past.

What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

Children will be exposed to different ideas and beliefs. They will explore celebrations such as weddings and christenings, understanding people celebrate things in different ways.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will be making their own cars! This will help them to:

Realise that tools can be used for a purpose.

Select tools and use techniques needed to shape, assembly and join materials they are using

Understand that different media can be combined to make new effects.

Mathematics

Counting

Throughout the half term, children will be exploring numbers 0 – 10, both in numerals and representations.

Comparing and Ordering

Children will practise counting to 10 both forwards and backwards and will begin to use positions e.g. 1st 2nd 3rd combine two sets of up to 10 They will also begin become familiar with the language 'more and fewer'.

Addition

Children will have lots of practical activities to help them combine two sets of up to 10.

Literacy

Traditional Tales!

The children will explore lots of different traditional tales this term, including Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. They will be able to listen and talk about stories, engage in stories as well as begin to answer questions.

The children will be working on their kinetic letters and writing short captions.

We will also continue our Sounds Write Phonics Scheme learning so please carry on reading and high frequency practise at home.