



Autumn Term 1 in Reception 2026-2027



Welcome

Welcome to Reception!

We are so excited to spend the term getting to know your child and your family. The children have already started learning and exploring within our EYFS outdoor area and classroom. It is important that your child feels settled and happy to come and play and learn with us so this is our current focus. To help us to do this, our first termly topic is called 'My New Adventure' and is all about who we are, our families, our homes, our likes and dislikes etc.



Reception Baseline assessment

During the current term, we will undertake the Reception Baseline assessment (RBA) with every child. This provides us with an indication of each child's starting point for the year. We complete this in a child friendly way using practical resources, the children will just think it is a 'special job.'

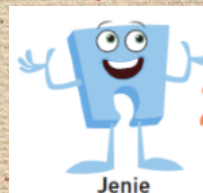
Phonics



For the first few weeks of term, we will be doing 'Foundation for Phonics' and 'Rhyme Time' activities with the children. These promote listening skills and will encourage children to differentiate between sounds and words. We will begin delivering our Little Wandle phonics lessons in the next couple of weeks, once our baseline assessments have been completed. We will inform you when our formal phonics teaching begins on Class Dojo.

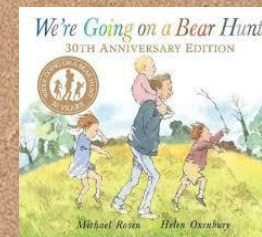
Jigsaw

Our RSHE (Jigsaw) lessons will focus on rules, building relationships and new beginnings. Jenie is our Jigsaw scheme character who will help us with our discussions, emotions and much more during our RSE&H lessons across the year.



Key Texts

This term we will be sharing lots of lovely stories and books with the children. However, our key texts for the term are:



Expressive Arts

Drawing Marvellous Marks!

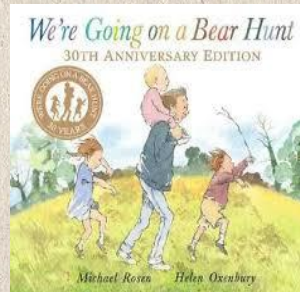
We will be supporting the children to identify themselves and their features this term and to create self-portraits using a variety of different materials and techniques.

Me!

The children will also get to participate in lots of singing and dancing opportunities through nursery rhymes and during our music topic of Me!

Literacy

This term in Literacy, we will be exploring the book; 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen.



Reading Books



Every child should have come home with a Lilac reading book to share with their adult. These books do not have any words, so they are a great opportunity for the children to discuss the pictures with their adult, predicting what they think might happen or what is happening in the story. Once your child has explored this book 3 times and their adult has written in the green contact book every time they have 'read', we will change the book for a new one.

PE

This term during our PE lessons we will be focusing on establishing and developing the children's balance, education and movement (BEAM) skills in a fun and physical way. PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays. Please ensure children have their kit in school and earrings are removed. We will let you know via Dojo when the first PE session will take place.

Special Events

This term we will be celebrating Space Week and learning about Diwali.

We will also be celebrating the Harvest Festival and we will be inviting you in for a stay and play session.

Further details to follow.



Maths

We will be following and adapting the White Rose schemes of learning throughout this term to deliver our maths lessons to the children. This term the children will be exploring matching and sorting, creating simple patterns and exploring the numbers 1,2,3.



Show and Tell

Every Friday afternoon, your child will be given the opportunity to bring in an item from home which they would like to show and talk about to the rest of the class. Only one item should be brought into school. It should be something that is not valuable and that they can fit in their book bag. There will be a box by the Ladybird Class gate that the children can place their item in as they come into school and this box will be kept safe until the children share their items with us all on Friday afternoon. Our first 'Show and Tell' will take place on Friday 18th September.



Larry the Ladybird

We would like to introduce you to Larry, our class Ladybird. Larry will go home with one child every Friday to have a weekend adventure with them! The lucky child will then bring Larry back to school on Monday to talk about what they did and the rest of the class have the opportunity to ask questions relating to the adventures.

You can upload any photographs of your child's adventures with Larry on your child's portfolio on Class Dojo.



School Uniform

Please make sure all of your child's school uniform is clearly named. Children need to have welly boots in school to wear during challenge time if they wish to explore the top of our garden environment. These can be left at school and placed on our welly rack. Children also need to have a named water bottle with them every day and as the weather is changing, a named coat too.

Home Learning

We have created 5 home learning activities for your child to complete at home, throughout the term. The activities are fun and practical and photos can be uploaded to your child's portfolio on Class Dojo.

Contacting Staff

The best form of communication is via your child's green contact book. These books have already been given to the children. The contact books are checked daily, and we will respond to any comments or notes left in these accordingly. If you wish to discuss an issue further, please make an appointment via the school office.

Term 1 Home Learning

Go for an autumn walk and collect 5 autumn items. What colours can you see? What changes do you notice?



Find a mirror and look at your face. How many eyes do you have? What colour are they? What is your hair like? Draw a picture of yourself. You can use whatever you like to create your self-portrait; pens, pencils or even paint!



Practise putting your socks or tights on. Can you do them by yourself?



Using chalks or water and a paintbrush, can you make some big circles, wiggly lines or even write your name on your patio?



How many pieces of fruit can you count in your fruit bowl at home?



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