

Reception Topic List

AUTUMN 1 TERM 2026

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Theme: All About Me and My Community



Understanding of the World

This half term we will be talking about what community means, and talk about members of our immediate family and our communities. Reception will be introduced to members of our school community and discover the role they play in helping our school and think about ways they can contribute to our community. Pupils will look for signs that summer has ended and Autumn is beginning, and learn about people like Garrett Morgan the inventor of the Traffic light for Black History Month.



Phonics & Literacy

Pupils will be encouraged to find opportunities to read and write throughout the day including when outside, so that they begin to break the flow of speech into words and begin to really enjoy reading and writing. During teacher led sessions they will complete Phase 2 phonics activities, and practise writing their own name, letters, decoding simple words and take part in handwriting activities.

We use a large variety of games and media in order to engage pupils and make practising key skills fun. We will be reading funny fiction books [including many rhyming texts] which explore e.g. starting school, and feelings such as nervousness and being kind.



Communication & Language

We will:

- Spend time in key groups [a small group of classmates] playing speaking and listening games, talking about their families and reflecting on our class books or topics that interest individuals.
- Practise engaging in and initiating conversations that will help pupils to develop confidence expressing their opinions and learning needs. Reception pupils will also learn how to be a good listener.
- They will also enjoy responding to fun instructions and be encouraged to use new vocabulary during continuous provision, for example in the roleplay area as they explore different occupations people in our community hold, or in the various small world areas such as the doll's house or carpark [NB tapestry will detail key vocabulary we are exploring in school. Do let us know if you hear your child using it as they play at home.]



Mathematics



We will be using White Rose Maths games and activities alongside some 'Number blocks' resources to help pupils engage in activities which involve matching and sorting numbers, comparing amounts, exploring patterns and comparing size, mass and capacity.

Physical Development



- Outside we will be exploring a variety of ways of moving together. Reception pupils will also learn to adjust their speed and to negotiate space when playing a variety of chasing games and when using for example the bikes and playground equipment such as floor ladders.
- Inside Reception will take part in fun fine motor skill activities such as pretending to be birds pulling worms from the pretend garden using tweezers, and games which promote good posture and strengthen their finger, hand and shoulder muscles. They will also be encouraged to practise using writing tools, scissors, paintbrushes and plasticine tools.

Personal, Physical & Emotional Development

Reception will be taking part in activities which focus on our topic 'My community' developing self-confidence as they explore who they are, their special people, how they are feeling, and find out who can help them. As part of their health and self-care curriculum, Reception will also learn about the importance of practising good hygiene and self-regulation skills.



Expressive Arts & Design

- In the roleplay corner they become different members of our local community, by for example cooking in our kitchen or visiting the mechanic or the vet. Pupils can also explore the various small worlds and recreate scenes from their daily lives or from a book they have listened to.
- This half term we will be creating self portraits and making art based on our observations of the natural world around us. Reception will develop their creativity by experimenting with different art materials and learning new techniques and think of actions for songs.

Quran



Islamic Studies

Revision: Revision of all previous surahs

Memorisation: -Al-Asr .

Arabic alphabet: -Sing the Arabic alphabet song, learn to pronounce the alphabet & recognize the Arabic letters.

Learn the letters

- Prophet Muhammed (saw)
- Makkah the blessed city
- Prophet's favourite foods
- The family of Rasulullah (saw)
- Masjid an Nabi