

Autumn in Reception

Welcome to Reception! The children have settled in well to their new classrooms and we are looking forward to a fun packed year! This half term we will be exploring the theme of 'I can be myself' through our curriculum, assemblies and continuous provision.

Settling In

Children will be working on settling into their Reception classes in Autumn term. They will learn how to become more independent, looking after their belongings and start to take responsibility for their classroom, helping create classroom rules and following new routines.

I Can Be Myself

Children will learn that they deserve to be treated with kindness and respect and that they too, have a responsibility to treat others with kindness and respect both in person and in the virtual world. Children will be learning about self discipline, empathy and gratitude in our experienced based curriculum. Our continuous provision will provide opportunities for children to develop and maintain these skills.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Children will start to develop good relationships with staff and pupils. They will participate in everyday routines such as lining up and going to the lunch hall. Children will be encouraged to consider the feelings of others and talk about their own feelings during carpet sessions and class circle times. Children will learn that all families are different and special and be encouraged to see themselves as important and valuable members of their class.

Physical Development

Children will take part in lots of fun fine motor activities and use tools such as scissors, paintbrushes and a variety of mark-making equipment. They will use outdoor apparatus and take part in circle games, parachute games and practice kicking, throwing and catching balls.

Communication and Language

Children will learn how to listen well on the carpet and understand why listening is important. They will learn new vocabulary through stories and carpet sessions. Children will be encouraged to ask and answer questions about stories they hear and use talk to explain their thoughts and ideas.

Phonics

Children will be starting Autumn term by working on Phase 1 in phonics. They will practice listening to environmental and instrumental sounds, use our bodies to make sounds and learn how to rhyme.

Children will take part in whole class phonics sessions and will start to learn the letter sounds (phonemes) and some high frequency words. Children will read with adults in school and start to join sounds together to read simple words.

Maths

In Maths our focus will be on matching, using the vocabulary 'same, different and similar'. Children will be sorting and comparing objects and amounts using different criteria. They will be learning how to create and continue simple patterns. Children will be encouraged to count objects, actions and sounds during carpet sessions and the free-flow play times.

Understanding the World

Children will talk, draw and paint themselves and their families and get to know members of their new school community.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will use a range of materials and techniques to create their own artwork. Children will regularly encouraged to sing, dance and create music using their developing imagination.