

Curriculum Map

Year Reception Spring Term 2025

Communication and Language

Key Learning:

- Speaking in full sentences.
- Giving reasons for thoughts and ideas.
- Retelling stories.
- Use new vocabulary taught in context.
- Ask questions to clarify understanding.

Key Vocabulary: and, because, reason, listen

Physical Development

Key Learning:

- Explore ways of pushing and rolling a ball with hands.
- Explore different ways to bounce a ball.
- Working collaboratively.
- Develop their dribbling technique.

Key Vocabulary: control, team, defender, space

PSHE

Key Learning:

- Understand what 'responsible' means
- Describe how we can be responsible in Reception.
- Understand we all learn in different ways
- How to persevere when it is hard

Key Vocabulary: responsible, innovative, persevere, goal, achieve

Literacy

Books we will be sharing:

Super Milly and the Super School Day by Stephanie Clarkson, The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson, The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle, I Will Not Ever Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child.

Key Learning:

- Reading graphemes and blending to read words
- Reading words on sight.
- Reading and writing captions.
- Writing letters and instructions.

Key Vocabulary: grapheme, phoneme, blending, segmenting, write, read.

At home you can: Read with your child every day. Encourage them to read the words without sounding out.

Key Learning:

- Representing number
- Composition of number
- Subitising
- Capacity
- Adding

Key Vocabulary: more, less, same, different, heavier, lighter, altogether, subitise.

Maths

At home you can: use the NumBots app. Count objects, look for shapes in the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

Key Learning:

- Creating observational drawings by looking carefully.
- Using junk and construction to create three dimensional models.
- Listening to and exploring different sounds instruments make.
- Listening to music from other countries and talking about our likes and dislikes.
- Creating cards for festivals.

Key Vocabulary: observation, instrument, fold, cut, join

Understanding the World

Key Learning:

- Using our senses to explore the world around us.
- Observing and comparing seasons.
- Retelling the story of Chinese New Year and finding out how it is celebrated.
- Finding out about the Easter story and how Christians celebrate.

Key Vocabulary: festival, celebration, similarity, difference