

Communication & Language

We will be learning to:

- Listen carefully and follow simple, one-step instructions.
- Enjoy listening to stories and conversations and share our own ideas, comments and questions.
- Begin to use longer phrases and simple sentences when talking.
- Learn and use lots of new and exciting vocabulary.

Reception Autumn Skills Map

We will be working on these skills during this term.



Physical Development

We will be learning to:

- Build strength and coordination through fun outdoor activities, such as bikes, space hoppers and playground equipment.
- Develop arm and hand strength through mark-making, practising lines, circles and different movements.

Understanding the World

We will be learning to:

- Talk about ourselves, our families and our school.
- Understand different celebrations and special events.
- Explore the changes we see in **Autumn**.
- Investigate and explore different materials.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be learning to:

- Follow our school routines and become more independent.
- Look after ourselves, including managing our own coats, changing, toileting and eating.
- Recognise and talk about our own feelings and those of others.
- Make friends and enjoy playing together.

Literacy

We will be learning to:

- Listen to stories and answer simple questions.
- Recognise and write our name from memory
- Blend sounds together to make words, e.g. **c-a-t** = **cat**. Le-g leg
- Learn and read Set 1 Read Write Inc. sounds.
- Begin writing simple words, e.g. **bug, hat and shop**.

Maths

We will be learning to:

- Count confidently and recognise numbers.
- Explore numbers through fun, practical activities.
- Compare amounts and talk about **more and less**.
- Begin to recognise and explore simple shapes and patterns.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be learning to:

- Explore different materials, such as paint, playdough and junk modelling.
- Learn fun creative skills, such as joining and colour mixing.
- Enjoy learning new rhymes, songs and poems.
- Use role-play to create their own stories and adventures.

How you can help at home

Welcome to Reception! This term, we will be helping your child to become more **independent and confident**. You can support this at home by encouraging them to dress themselves, including putting on their shoes and coats and practising buttons. We also encourage children to use cutlery independently when eating.

We will be learning how to recognise and talk about different feelings. At home, you can support this by talking to your child about how they feel and sharing your own feelings too. In **phonics**, we will be developing Phase 1 skills, playing games such as 'I Spy' and Fred Games can help to develop these skills.

As your child becomes more confident, they may start writing sounds and simple words. Encourage this by giving them opportunities to write for a purpose, such as making a shopping list or menu. You can also point out letters and words in everyday life. Please **read with your child every night**. Most importantly, **talk, talk, talk!** The more you talk, read stories and introduce new words, the more your child will develop their listening, speaking and understanding skills.

Thank you for your support – we are looking forward to a happy and exciting year together!

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