

Reception Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025

Welcome to our first class newsletter

In Religion we are going to be looking at Branch 1. The children will learn how God made our beautiful world and everything in it. They will learn that God loves us and they are part of Gods family.

In Phonics we will begin to learn the sounds of the alphabet. We will also practise writing the sounds using the correct letter formation. Once we have learnt the first 6 sounds we will begin blending simple words for reading.

In Maths we will looking at numbers to 5. The children will comparing numbers within 5, change within 5 and number bonds up to 5.

Our topic for the half term is 'Let's Explore'. We are going to explore our new school and the grounds. We will follow this up by making maps and mazes. We are going to read the story 'We are going on a bear hunt' and look at the different homes of animals. We will also explore our local area and compare the changes in the area to the past. We will finish by becoming world explorers and looking at some of the places different children have visited and compare these to our local area.

We will observe the changes in season and about the natural changes that happen during the season of autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.

This topic will be enhanced with the topic 'Build it up!', which will see us looking at different buildings and bridges using the stories 'The 3 Little Pigs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.'

The PE focus will be fundamental skills. PE day is Monday so children can come dressed in PE Kit on that day. We also have 2 short physical development sessions on Tuesday and Thursday but the children will just change into pumps for this.

In Music we will be following the programme 'Sparkyard'.

Homework and reading books will be set/changed on a Friday and are due back the follow Wednesday morning. Maths homework is set through Numbots. Spelling homework is completed on Spelling Shed or a worksheet which will be handed out to your child.

Positive behaviour rewards include: stickers, certificates, dojo's

Award assembly is Friday – the children can bring awards they have received from clubs outside of school

