

CURRICULUM OUTLINE - AUTUMN TERM 2025

RECEPTION

Personal, Social and Emotional Development Physical Development	PSED: daily routines and managing belongings independently. Fostering respectful relationships with peers and adults, with a focus on kindness to themselves, others and the world. Developing their emotional literacy, learning to identify, express and manage their emotions in a healthy way. Gym, games, and dance lessons from specialist teachers: developing body awareness and moving in different ways. Focus on using the correct pencil grip. Handwriting and correct formation of letters, dress and undress independently managing buttons and zips.
Communication and Language	Weekend News and talk partner exercises to develop oracy. Asking questions and answering questions in full sentences. Attend Infant House assemblies where children demonstrate that they can listen attentively for a certain amount of time. French: practise basic vocabulary and structures through songs, video clips, games, and lots of repetition. Topics will be related to the theme of summer and will include talking about greetings, numbers, weather and colours will be revisited in more depth and new topics including numbers up to 20, food and drink and a wider range of classroom objects will be introduced.
Literacy	Our topic for the first half term is All About Me. We will focus on books about being kind to each other, different families, and celebrating our differences. Our topic for the second half term is Celebrations. We will be delving into Harvest Festival, Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hannukah. Phonics: The children will begin with recapping phase 2 by orally segmenting and blending, and then we will begin introducing the phase 2 sounds with the correct letter formation.
Mathematics	Recognition and formation of numbers to 10, counting forwards to 20 and back from 10 and understanding the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers. Making comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity. Learn to name and describe 2D shapes Solving simple daily life mathematical problems.
Understanding the world	During our All About Me topic, children will talk about their families, friends and people in their community. They will also learn about parts of the body and how we use our different senses to understand the world around us.

For the Celebrations topic we will have visitors coming over to talk about their culture and traditions.

During our Forest school sessions the children will notice and understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

We will engage in our Collective Reflection sessions which will take place once per week. These focus on celebrations, feelings, mindfulness, and philosophical questions.

Specialist ICT lessons:

Introduction to the basics of coding by programming a robot to follow a sequence of commands. Next, we will be creating images using different tools such as the pen, paintbrush, and shapes on Purple Mash & Busy Things. We will also continue to work on keyboard recognition and typing skills throughout the term.

Expressive Arts and Design

Music-

Topic: 'Mood Music.'

Children will study different genres of music through listening, composing and performing, and understand how a different colour can link to a mood. Different percussion instruments studied and musical appreciation is embedded into all lessons. Children learn about the traditions of the annual Harvest Festival, and Black History Month, through singing.

Nativity play preparation is done in the second half of this term to develop stage presence.

Music and Movement

The focus for this term is 'expression and musical understanding through movement.' Children will learn to develop their literacy, listening, and movement skills through songs, stories, and traditional Nursery Rhymes.

Specialist Art:

Materials: drawing, chalk pastels, painting, collage, mixed media, clay modelling **Themes:** All About Me and Celebrations as well as Autumn and Winter seasonal paintings and crafts

In class, the children will have a range of ways to express and develop their creativity, such as engaging in collage, role play, sewing, small world play and baking, junk modelling.