



Year Reception 2026

As a Rights Respecting School we will be focusing on:

Article 2: All children have rights regardless of gender, culture, religion, if they have a disability, or by how much money they have.

Article 12: Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.

Communication & Language

- Listen to and join in with songs, stories and rhymes.
- Play listening games and learn to take turns when speaking.
- Have lots of group discussions where we have a chance to express our ideas and feelings.
- Choose from lots of exciting role play and small world games which help us develop our vocabulary and language structures.
- Be encouraged to ask lots of questions.
- Widen our vocabulary, learning new groups of words each week linked to our key texts and topics.

Autumn 1 topic: Ourselves

Autumn 2 topic: People Who Help Us

Mathematics

- Sing number songs and read stories about number.
- Recite the numbers in order.
- Match numeral & quantity.
- Compare quantities and amounts using the language more, less, greater, fewer.
- Look for shapes in the environment and name some 2D shapes.



Literacy

- Phonics carpet times every day.
- Read in small groups with the teacher 3 times a week.
- Learn to identify the first sound in words by playing 'I Spy'.
- Listen to stories at 'Fruit & Story' time every morning.
- Learn to hold a pencil correctly.
- Learn to write our names and the letters of the alphabet.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Learn the school's 'Golden Values' and routines.
- Ask for help if we need it and know that our views will be listened to and valued.
- Play games that encourage us to take turns and share with our friends.
- Learn to name and to manage our feelings.
- Start to use our 'Regulation Station' as a quiet space to decompress.

Physical Education

- Learn to wash and dry our hands, use the toilet independently, and get our coats on.
- Try new food and learn about making healthy choices.
- Build up our strength by playing on the apparatus and using tools like scissors and tweezers to improve our fine motor skills.
- Have two P.E. lessons each week.

Understanding the World

- Learn about the past and present by making a timeline of key moments in our own lives.
- Celebrate diversity by learning about different cultures and faiths and celebrating a range of special.
- Learn that we are all different and that it's important to respect each other's views.
- Learn about changing seasons.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Paint self portraits.
- Experiment with musical instruments.
- Learn new songs and dances.
- Build wonderful models using a range of resources.
- Learn ways of mixing colours and discuss which materials might be suitable for projects.
- Use our critical thinking skills to evaluate our work.