Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025



Welcome back.
Our topic for the second half term is:
Into the Woods!

Skills we will begin to develop:

Build Relationships
Involving others in play
Understanding that we all need to be treated with respect

Resilience
Never giving up – you can always ask someone for help

Risk taking
Having a go at something new
It's okay to sometimes make a mistake

Resourcefulness
Finding and using resources in the classroom independently

Reflection
Celebrating achievements and thinking about next steps in learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Celebrating Difference
Understanding that everyone is good at different things. Understanding that being different makes us special. Knowing that families can be different, but the same in some ways. Knowing how to be a good friend. Knowing which words to use to stand up for myself when someone is unkind to me.

Physical Development

Fine motor control activities including pencil control, letter formation and using small implements and scissors
Dance – Explore how to use space safely, travelling actions, shapes and balances.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Name writing and letters
Listening attentively in different situations.
Linking sounds to all letters, diagraphs and trigraphs.
Blending and segmenting words.
Labelling pictures.
Ordering the events of stories.
Following simple instructions.

Mathematics

Naming and describing a variety of 2D shapes
Change within 5 – developing an understanding of 1 more and 1 less.
Number bonds within 5.
Space – Introducing and reinforcing positional language.

Expressive Arts and Design

Making Christmas crafts using different media.
Moving to music in own ways and talking about ideas.
Exploring musical instruments and sounds.
Joining in with rhymes and words to performance poems.
Participating in the Nativity production.

Understanding the World

Talking about safety around fireworks.
Finding out about Diwali and Christmas.
Talking about past and present events.
Finding out about the woodland environment– trees and animals
Using the classroom roleplay ICT props e.g. microwave, cameras, mobile phones.

Other Information

- Please make sure that your child arrives in school every day with a warm, waterproof coat or jacket and a named water bottle, thank you.

We are looking forwards to an action packed and exciting second half term!