

Reception Class CURRICULUM FOCUS



**Topic Title: All about me (Autumn 1)
Seasons (Autumn 2)**



We are so excited to get to know all of your children this term! Our first topic is "All About Me and Where I Live". We will be getting to know one another by playing games, talking about what we like and don't like and sharing some special things from home. We will make links to familiar stories and exploring the experiences of characters in our focus stories 'Colour Monster', 'Funny bones' and 'The 3 Little Pigs'.

In class we will be learning:

- Routines of the day.
- Class rules.
- Making choices and developing friendships with others.
- Building confidence and independence.
- Showing care for the environment and our friends.
- Exploring how we change as we get older.
- Talking about interests, likes and dislikes.
- Exploring our five senses.
- Thinking about ourselves and how other people may be similar or different.

PHOTO REQUEST – Please could you upload a photograph of your child as a baby and a selection of family photographs to your child's Tapestry account. Your child will be sharing these pictures with their friends in class.

In the second half of the Autumn term, we will be looking at the topic "Seasons". We will be learning about nocturnal animals and exploring the changes in the weather. We will be using the Autumn seasonal changes to explore colours and making comparisons with the artwork by Pissarro. We will be reading stories including "Owl babies" and "Tree: Seasons Come Seasons Go" to enhance children's understating of nocturnal creatures.

Throughout the term we will be learning:

- Exploring light and dark.
- Mixing colours.
- Identifying colours in the natural environment.
- Investigating changes in the natural environment.
- Discovering facts about nocturnal animals.
- Learning facts about British wildlife with a focus on nocturnal animals.

Maths

In Maths, we will focusing on children's understanding of the numbers 0-5. Children will be learning to:

- Match and sort objects into groups
- Represent and compare numbers 1, 2, 3
- Understand the composition of 1, 2, 3 including addition and subtraction facts.
- Represent and compare numbers 0-5

Phonics

Children will begin their journey towards reading through daily phonics lessons. Everyday your child will learn to read and write a new sound. They will also be bringing a reading books home linked to the sounds they have learnt in school. It is really important for children to have as much practice of reading as possible in these early stages.

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Homework Expectations:

- Reading at least **4 times per week**.
- Share a book with your child to promote reading for pleasure. We will send home a weekly library book to support a love of reading.
- Your child will also be given a 'Teach you monster to read' account for additional phonics practice.

Additional Information & Reminders:

- PE will begin on Monday 25th September. Please send your child into school wearing PE kit on this day and ensure that any earrings are removed.
- Outdoor learning afternoons will begin on Friday 15th September. Please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing (Waterproofs and wellies) in school by this date.
- Children should have a water bottle in school every day filled with water NOT juice. This is made available for the children to access throughout the school day.