

Reception Class Topic Overview Autumn Term 1 2026-2027

	Communication and Language	Physical Development	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Enrichment opportunities: Parent Workshop – Tuesday 6th October 2 pm	Through our theme we will: • Use social phrases to share, take turns, and ask for help • Explore emotions using the colour monster • Learn new vocabulary around daily routines and singing toothbrushing songs • Listen to nature sounds and answer "how" and "who" questions about night animal	Weekly P.E lessons and outdoor activities will focus on: • Experimenting with different ways of moving around • Learning how to navigate space and to be safe when moving. • Develop skills with a ball and begin balancing objects on their body • Investigate handwriting patterns such as straight lines, loops and circles.	Through our theme we will: • Develop confidence and independence - washing hands, putting coat on independently and getting changed for P.E with support • Develop friendships and practicing taking turns • Develop looking after our classroom
Maths	Literacy	Understanding of the World	Expressive Art and Design
Core skills we are developing: Numbers to 7: • Counting in order • Understanding "how many" there are in a set • Counting carefully, to count every item just once • Counting in any direction, counting a group of objects from any point • Amounts don't change even if the items are moved around, mixed up, or differ in size and shape. Spatial reasoning • Compare size • Compare mass • Compare capacity • Explore simple patterns • Copy and continue simple patterns • Create simple patterns	Key texts: <i>Owl Babies</i> by Martin Waddell <i>The Colour Monster</i> by Anna Llenas <i>The Leaf Thief</i> by Alice Hemming In RWI we will: • Learn Set 1 speed sounds • Learn to orally blend sounds into words • Begin to write the correct shape for each letter In handwriting we will: • Investigate different patterns, including straight line patterns, loops, circles, spirals and criss-cross patterns	Through our theme we will: • Talk about members of their immediate family and community • Name and describe people who are familiar to them • Understand that some places are special to members of their community • Find out about owls and nocturnal animals • Learn about oral hygiene & bedtime routines • Identify signs of autumn	Through our theme we will: • Name colours and experiment with mixing colours • Create simple representation of people and objects • Draw and colour with pencils and crayons • Act out stories using different props • Explore joining materials