



Reception: Autumn 1 2026
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Literacy 	We will tune into hearing sounds. We will be mark making and practising vertical and horizontal movements. We will be learning to say, recognise and write the first 12 sounds in our phonics scheme: m, a, s, d, t, l, n, p, g, o, c, k We will start to use our sounds to annotate our work. We will get our first reading books which are picture books without words, we will work on our language and storytelling skills.
Maths	We will match and sort objects. We will compare amounts. We will practise counting up to 5 objects accurately and recognising patterns of up to 5 (dice patterns) We will be singing maths songs and playing number games. 
PSE (Personal, Social and Emotional)	Our Jigsaw topic is 'Being Me'. See the school website for full planning ('Key information' -> 'Curriculum' -> 'PSHE').
Fine Motor 	We will practise using tweezers and scissors. We will play games using a pincer (finger and thumb) grip which will help us to hold our pencil correctly. We will have fun taking part in Squiggle while you Wiggle and Dough Disco to build our muscles and get our fingers ready for writing.
Gross Motor	We will enjoy using equipment such as bean bags, hoops, the trim trail and obstacle courses. We will move in different ways such as crawling, rolling, jumping, hopping and skipping and balancing on different body parts. We will learn to find a space and move around in spaces carefully. 
Art and Being Imaginative 	We will be drawing using different mediums and making lines in different directions. We will be drawing shapes. We will learn painting skills using different mediums. We will play in the home corner and with the small world toys. We will take on roles such as pirates and vets.

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Design Technology	We will be using scissors, glue and different materials to make pictures.
People, Culture and Communities (Geography)	We will have a tour around our school and get to know our environment. We will follow a map to find our way around the school.
Past and Present (History)	We will develop a chronological understanding of how we have changed since we were babies. 
The Natural World  (Science)	We will learn about different pets and how to look after them.
Technology	We will learn what technology is. We will learn how to keep safe on the internet.
RE (Religious Education)	Our topic this half term is 'We are special: caring, belonging and Baptism'.
Music 	We will join in singing rhymes and songs – Teddy bear Teddy Bear turn around, How Much is That Doggy in the Window? Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, Humpty Dumpty, Twinkle, Twinkle, Baa Baa Black sheep, Incy wincy spider and Grand Old Duke of York.

