



Reception

Autumn Term 2

November- December 2025

Physical Development

This half term, children will develop their fundamental movement skills through the topic 'places and spaces'.

Children will develop skills of balancing, running, hopping. Jumping. Traveling and changing direction. Children will develop fine and gross motor skills, through handling equipment. They will learn how to stay safe using space and understand and follow rules and instructions. They will work independently and with a partner to complete tasks.

Religious Education

Our branch this term is 'Prophecy and Promise'. The children will be introduced to the Nativity story. The children will learn about the annunciation, Mary and Joseph's Journey to Bethlehem, the birth of baby Jesus and what followed. We will also be celebrating advent and getting ready for Christmas. Children will learn about the advent wreath and its symbolism.

Mathematics

In our Maths sessions this half term, we will continue to build on our number skills by recognising and reciting numbers to 10, exploring place value, and learning about part-part-whole and number bonds to 5. The children will use practical resources to begin simple addition and subtraction. We will also learn about the sequence of time, starting with days of the week and introducing the months of the year. Alongside this, the children will begin naming 2D and 3D shapes and will explore patterns, spatial awareness, and positional language through hands-on activities

Understanding the World

This half term we will be developing our understanding of the world around us.

The children will learn about the days of the week and months of the year, and explore different types of weather both in our country and around the world. We will investigate the properties of materials, such as which materials are waterproof, and learn about different climates across the globe.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our 'My Happy Mind' topic this half term will be 'Celebrate'. During this topic we will be focusing on three key areas. First, that we all have things about us that are special, these are called character strengths. Next the children will be learning how we can use our character strengths to help us to be our best and finally considering how we feel when we use our character strengths.

Communication and Language

The children will become familiar with following our daily routine by listening and paying attention to what is happening around them. The children will take part in a range of listening games which will help to develop their listening and understanding skills. We will be sharing lots of stories and nursery rhymes, encouraging the children to join in with the rhymes and actions.

Literacy

Children will spend time daily listening to and sharing a wide range of stories, rhymes and songs.

Our key text this term is Lost and Found.

We will also begin Drawing Club, where children will bring stories to life through drawing, imagination and storytelling. They will be encouraged to talk about their drawings and begin to label their pictures.

The children will have a range of mark-making opportunities to help them give meaning to the marks they make and develop confidence in their early writing. They will be encouraged to recognise and write their name independently.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, children will explore our painting and creative areas to draw, paint and make collage pictures. They will take part in role play linked to familiar stories, using resources to create their own props and support their imaginative play. As we move closer to Christmas, the children will also enjoy making festive crafts. In Music, learning is based around a call-and-response singing game that uses a simple and repetitive four-note tune to support the development of pitch matching. Pupils will also explore a range of voices, adopting different roles, and create simple accompaniments as a group.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Price, Miss Whitby, Mrs Lacey & Mrs Fisher