

Curriculum Newsletter

Reception | Autumn Term 1 | 2025



Dear Families,

Welcome to Reception! We have a fun and productive year ahead in Early Years. Teaching in Reception this year are Miss Baker, Miss Sheldrake and Miss Francis. We will be supported by Mrs Iakab, Mrs Cosgrave, Mrs Trubacs, Miss Diamond, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Patel. We are really looking forward to this year because of all the exciting topics we have planned! Our talented team will ensure that all learning needs and levels are catered for and everyone has an exciting and productive year.

This half term, our topic is 'Adventure Land'

Our **'Stunning Start'** to launch our topic will be:

. An adventure with Little Bean to the Forest School Area. What will we see? Who will we meet?

We will enhance children's learning and **'Cultural Capital'** with the following experiences:

We will walk to our local park (Montesole Park) and we will collect Autumn resources like colourful and different shaped leaves, conkers and acorns.

Our **'Showcase'** piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Children will create their very own story map to showcase their Space adventure!

Our **'Shared Outcome'** to communicate our learning with others will be:

Sharing our story maps to our class buddies.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

Communication and Language/ Literacy

In the Autumn term, children will listen to a wide range of stories, poems and rhymes and begin to join in. They will learn to speak confidently to adults and children. The children will begin to learn how to read and write phonemes (spoken sounds) through Read Write Inc.

Maths

Over the course of the term, children will develop their mathematical vocabulary. One of the ways they will develop mathematical vocabulary in the Autumn term is by singing number rhymes and songs. Children will be using concrete resources to develop their learning on numbers. Children will be taught to recognise 2D shapes and create patterns.

Physical Development

Children will develop vocabulary of movement. They will learn to move safely in the playground, hall and outdoor learning area. The children will be developing the muscles in their hands and fingers by taking part in Dough Disco and flapper dances.

Reminders:

PE will be on **Friday mornings**, starting from 27th September.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct clothing, such as Pinner Wood house colour T-shirt, trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a jumper. Children will wear their PE kit to school and remain in it for the entire day.

Earrings must be taken out on Fridays for children to participate in PE lessons.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Staff will introduce the children to Reception and help them to settle in. The Reception team will help to increase the children's confidence in adapting to routines and rules.

Children will develop their social skills and begin to establish relationships with other children and with adults.

Understanding of the World

Children will learn about themselves and others and discuss similarities and differences between themselves, others and environments. Children will be given the opportunity to look for changes and the signs of Autumn on our local area walk.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will develop imaginative play in the role play areas. Staff will encourage children to enjoy music making and will teach children rhymes and songs about ourselves, colour, Autumn and harvest. Children will have the opportunity to express themselves creatively using a variety of media.

Please also see knowledge organisers (sent out on Arbor and on school website)

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

Go on an adventure using Google Earth. You could explore Pinner, London, or even other countries or continents!

<https://earth.google.com/web/@0,0,0a,22299657.5160036d,35y,0h,0t,0r>

