

The World

During this first half term our topic of 'Marvellous Me' explores everything that makes us unique and special. We will be celebrating our differences and similarities in a variety of ways. We will introduce the concept of time, and time passing as we identify key events in our lives and place them in order. After Half Term, we will look at celebrations around the world: Diwali, Christmas as well as developing observation and investigation skills within the topic of Changing Seasons.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will focus on extending the children's abilities to listen, understand and speak during this term. This will be done through targeted activities to develop their vocabulary, confidence and skills to share and express their thoughts and ideas, whilst also developing the ability to listen and respond appropriately, to those of other people. Vocabulary specific to Marvellous Me, Seasons, Celebrations and maths units will be taught, modelled and explored with the children.

Literacy

We will be focusing on Nursery Rhymes then the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' by Eric Carle to begin this term. We encourage children to write sounds independently after learning them in Phonics and we will support those who require a challenge to blend sounds and write full words or short sentences. We use Drawing Club later in the term to explore writing and drawing.

Moving and Handling.

PE lessons will teach a variety of fundamental movement skills. Children will also be practising developing their fine motor skills of cutting, pencil use and mark making during continuous provision activities in class. They will be encouraged become independent in dressing and undressing. We will also begin to explore the importance of keeping our bodies clean and healthy.

Phonics and Reading

We will be using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme to learn to read and write sounds, as well as blend them together in order to read words. This term we will continue our learning about digraphs (2 letters making one sound). Please continue to work through the phonic practice sheets which are sent home each Friday to consolidate the children's learning.

Reading

We will be reading a variety of texts as a class reader from the Notre Dame Reading Spine.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will explore our school Golden Values and Mindset focus for this term. They will also deepen their understanding of managing their feelings and behaviour, relationship building and explore how they can

Exploring Art and Design

Through continuous provision and adult led activities, we will develop children's skills to use measuring jugs, folding skills, fixing methods, clay, kitchen utensils and cutting equipment.

The opportunities for Music, Dance and singing is embedded in the children's school day. They will listen and respond to different styles of music whilst also having the chance to create their own.

Maths learning is embedded within the continuous provision in the Reception areas.

Number

We build on the children's understanding of number during the term by matching numbers and quantities - learning to read and write numerals up to 10. We will begin to look at the concept of "one more".

Shape, Space and Measure

We will learn to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. During our daily timetable the children will learn the days of the week and events which happen on these days in their lives.

Cookery activities will also continue to develop the children's confidence in measuring mass, capacity, length and height.

Technology

Children will learn about the role of technology and its place in our environment during their ICT lessons and our continuous provision.

Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for Parents - date tbc

21st October 2025 – Parents' Evening - details to follow

22nd October 2025 – Parents' Evening - details to follow

24th October- School closed for Inset Day

27th October - 31st October 2025 – Half term Break

7th November 2025-Parent stay and play 1:45 pm-2:45 pm

Week of 2nd December 2024 - Infant Nativity Week - details to follow

17th December 2024 - Christmas Party Day. Details to follow

19th December 2025 – Term ends

Things to remember:

Please supply a pair of named wellies that can be left at school for your child to access the Reception outside area.

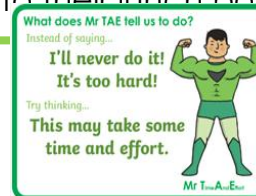
We aim to play and learn outside whenever possible. Please make sure children have a named coat with them each morning for our outside classroom area.

PE kit needed **after** half term. Children will not be able to participate in PE if they are wearing earrings. If they cannot remove their earrings themselves, they must be removed/taped over at home before they come to school. **PE will be on a Thursday.**

Please make sure that anything that comes into school has your child's name clearly labelled on it.

Don't forget...

All children have fruit or veg and water for their mid-morning snack. Please ensure they have a **named** piece of fruit **separate** to their lunch box and...



Contacting us

Check out what we're up to on Class Dojo.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. Messages about illness or absence should be left with the school secretary to pass on. Non urgent messages

to Dojo'd to us will be dealt with



Home-learning Information

Guided Reading - The children will be given a phonics home reader each week. It is very important that the children get the chance to practise reading the book at home to an adult. Please try to read each book three times each week. **Please sign your child's white reading record** with a short comment once your child has read the book at home and keep the book in their book bag so that it is in school every day. We will collect their reading book and reading records in on a Thursday and return to their book bags on Friday.

We will visit our school Library once a week on a Friday. One library book may be borrowed at a time and should be returned the following Thursday (the day before our next library session). These are books for you to share and read to your children, to encourage their love of reading. Please remember that it is as valuable to them to listen to, talk about the story, the characters and the words in the book as it is to simply read the text.

Phonics We will send home a phonics learning sheet every Friday with their new phonics reading