

# Reception Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter



## Topics

**Autumn 1: Marvellous Me**  
**Autumn 2: Look Up at Christmas!**



We are very excited to welcome you all to Reception. This academic year will be full of opportunities to be creative, athletic and inquisitive. We strive for all children to be engaged and active in their learning through their independent learning and through adult led activities. Below you will find the adult led focus points for the Autumn Term! We are looking forward to learning all about ourselves, outer space and Christmas this term.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Most importantly we will be starting with settling into school life and developing a sense of safety in our new school. We will be learning more about ourselves, families and our peers. We will meet our Y6 buddies and become more independent as we leave our parents in the mornings. We will progress on to learning about our different emotions and starting to notice how our friends feel. We will have opportunities to reflect on how we feel in our regular 'check in' times.

We will also be learning all about how we can make healthy choices to look after our bodies including the importance of washing our hands and getting enough sleep.



## Communication and Language

There will be lots of opportunities to develop our communication skills in the first Term. We will learn new vocabulary linked to our topics and will share our own knowledge, thoughts and views in both whole class activities and in our independent learning time. There are regular circle times to share our opinions and opportunities to talk through and share our 'WOW' moments that have been uploaded to Tapestry from home too.



## Physical Development

This half term in PE we will be focussing on moving in different ways, learning how to jump, hop and skip confidently. We will then move onto the topic of games! We will learn a variety of different ball skills through the games.

We will also be developing our fine motor control to support us with our pencil control, before starting to form different letters that we learn in Phonics. Furthermore we will learn how to use scissors safely.





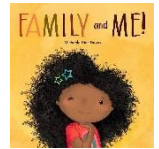
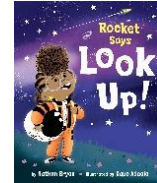
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## Literacy

**Writing:** We will be learning to write our names including how to form the letters correctly. We will progress onto learning how to write initial sounds and short words.

**Reading:** In Autumn 1 we will start the term off by focussing on the story 'family and me' as we learn about ourselves. In Autumn 2 we move onto our Space theme with 'Look up' and 'Aliens love underpants'. We will also look at the traditional tales of 'The little red hen' and 'The gingerbread man'.



**Phonics:** We will begin the year focusing on learning how to orally blend and segment words. We will then progress onto learning how to read and write individual sounds through the Little Wandle scheme.



## Maths

We will begin the year by learning how to subitise, which is where you identify a quantity without counting it. We will then focus on how to find a total amount by counting carefully. We will explore how numbers are made up and will start to recognise numerals in the environment. We will be learning how to describe and create 2D shapes.

## Understanding the world

We will learn about the different types of weather as the seasons change, light and dark and space. We will also discuss different celebrations from a range of cultures. One of our focuses will be on Hanukkah. Birthdays will be discussed throughout the year and we will learn about Christmas and the nativity story. We will also learn about Remembrance day and Bonfire night which are important events in history as well as the historical figures of Mae Jemison and Neil Armstrong.



## Expressive art and design

We will be creating a range of self-portraits, which will link to our topic 'Marvellous me' followed by learning how to mix colours. We will weave with natural materials and create our own rockets using junk materials. In music, we will be learning to create different rhythms and beats as well as singing a range of songs.

### Days to remember

Tuesday: Reading book swap

Wednesday: Springfield

Friday: PE, Diary updates, Tapestry Challenge

### Key Dates

12<sup>th</sup> October: Stay and Play Session

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Sing-a-long