



# Year R



Terms 1 & 2

Topics: All About Me,  
People Who Help Us

Welcome, and thank you for being part of our school. We hope your child will have a fantastic year and show real progression in their learning and development. This is just a glimpse of what your child will be experiencing during the first two terms at school.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Your child will be given time to settle in and get to know the other children and staff. This will include learning each other's names, group games and managing feelings. They will learn to work as part of a group and a class, to understand and follow our school rules.



### Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to listen attentively in a range of situations, including story time, music activities and assemblies. They will be given opportunities to express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs, for example, sharing their news.

### Physical Development

Your child will be taking part in dance, gymnastics and games activities, where they will learn to move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. These will include balancing, moving and making shapes using various body parts. Your child will also take part in a variety of activities using beanbags, balls and larger apparatus.

Although our hall times are on Monday and Wednesday we often use the outside area for P.E. activities so please make sure your child's P.E. kit (including plimsolls) is in school every day.



## Literacy

Your child will be learning to recognise and write their first name correctly. Each week a group of sounds will be introduced, including words relating to those sounds. Writing activities will be based on our topic areas or news. Your child will be given a reading book and taught how to tell the story using the pictures and by beginning to link sounds together to read words.



***If you are able to come in and listen to readers, or help change books that would be fantastic, so please do let us know.***

## Mathematics

The main focus for the first two terms will include accurately counting objects, matching 1:1 and recognising numerals from one to ten, progressing onto one more and one less. Your child will be ordering lengths and weighing various objects, recognising and naming simple 2D and 3D shapes.



***We will adjust our expectations for every individual according to the skills they have learnt prior to joining our school.***

## Understanding the World (People & Communities, The World, Technology)

This work will be based on the topics 'All about me', and 'People who help us'. During the first term your child will be learning about themselves, their families and being part of our school.

The second term will include learning about people in the community who help us. e.g. nurses, doctors, police, firefighters. In technology your child will be taught how to use the computers and the various programmes. They will also have the opportunity to explore and use the programmable toys.



### Expressive Arts and Design



The children will be encouraged to represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories. They will be taught to use the tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join the materials they are using.

### Homework

Once your child has settled in school they will bring home a reading book which should be read with them each night. Books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday (time permitting) but please make sure their reading folder is in school every day. Any homework activity will be accompanied by a note to explain how it should be done and when it should be returned.

***If you have any questions, worries or concerns please feel free to come and speak to either of us.***

***Mrs Roff & Mrs Cosgrove***