

Reception Autumn

Term 1



Welcome to school, the very first year in school is an exciting adventure for your child. Below you will find lots of important information about what your child will be doing in school this term. Ladybirds class will be taught by Miss Khokhar and Dragonflies class will be taught by Miss Elgaziari. Mrs Ibn Tahakt will be teaching Ladybirds on Thursdays and Mrs Roe will be teaching Dragonflies class on Thursdays.



The children have made a brilliant start to the term and have settled in so well. They have picked up the routines and school expectations really well and we are so pleased with how happy they are in school.

The children will be covering a range of learning opportunities this term through all the curriculum subjects. The short bursts of adult led input will be interactive, engaging and exciting for the children, the children will spend time exploring the indoor and outdoor provision which has been carefully planned based on the children's needs and interests. Discussion and child-led activities are open ended to encourage children's own ideas and to develop their language.

Important Dates this term

30th September: School Photos
More information to follow.

1st October: National Poetry Day
The children will be taking part in a range of poetry activities based around nursery rhymes.

5th October: Inset Day
The staff will be having a training day and classes will resume on Tuesday.

23rd October: School Flu Vaccinations
More information to follow.

Week beginning 9th November: Effort and Excellence Awards
We will be in touch with the names of the children who have been chosen to receive a special award.

16th November: Anti-bullying week The children will be taking part in a range of activities focused on promoting positive relationships and working together to challenge bullying behaviour.

Learning opportunities

This term the children will be experiencing lots of exciting themes through a range of subjects:



Theme: Magical Me/My Body



Writing – The children will begin to mark make and start to write their names. We will also begin to learn how to form letters correctly and begin to look at letter families.



Letter families	
For teaching letter formation.	
Letter family 1 Down and off in another direction.	l i t j u y
Letter family 2 Down and across separate.	m n r b p h k
Letter family 3 Anticlockwise round.	c a d o q g e f s
Letter family 4 Zigzag letter.	v w x z

Reading – We will be reading many stories this half term. These include Elmer, Little Rabbit Foo Foo, nursery rhymes, We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Room on the Broom. We will discuss the characters in the books and retell the story using story maps.



Handwriting – We will practise air writing and writing in glitter, soil and other materials such as gloop or foam.

Mathematics – We will be learning to count to 10 and will be practising our number formation, exploring shape, space and measure (weight, height, size)



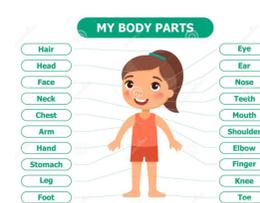
Personal, Social and Emotional Development – We will talk about our class rules and behaviour expectations, share our likes and dislikes and understand we are all unique and it is ok to be different. We will practice turn taking and sharing with others. We will also enjoy roleplay in our home corner to help us make sense of our world.

Physical Development – We will start our P.E lessons after half term. We have already started to develop our gross motor skills using big movements in our outdoor space. We will be developing our fine motor skills through exploring play dough, tweezers, scissors and much more. The children will be starting to hold a pencil and follow patterns.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will be drawing pictures of ourselves and our families. We will explore making marks and using a range of media such as glitter, paint, pencils, pens, craft materials and more. We will also sing songs and explore different musical instruments.

Communication and Language – We will talk about what makes us special and what makes our friends special. In role play we will use language to imagine and recreate roles. We will be trying to speak in full sentences.

Understanding the World – We will talk about our families and who we live with. We will also be learning about our bodies and our senses. We will have a senses walk where the children will label their body parts. (arms, legs, mouth)



You can help your child at home by:

Encourage your child to be independent by dressing themselves, and using cutlery. Encourage your child to practise writing their name, recognise numbers and letter sounds when you are out and about. Share stories every day and talk to your child as much as possible, developing their language is really important.

Thank you for all your support so far 😊