

Reception Termly Overview – Autumn 2026 (Term 1)

All About Me



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

Unit: Me and My Relationships (SCARF)

PSED lessons will cover 'All About Me', 'What makes me special', 'Me and My Special People', 'Who can help me' and 'My feelings.'

Communication and Language

The children will develop their listening and attention skills through playing with their friends, listening to stories, and by following simple instructions.



Mathematics

White Rose Scheme of work: 'Getting to know you', 'Match, sort and compare' & 'Talk about measure and patterns.'

We will be learning the skills of sorting and matching, and comparing and ordering. We will be recognising and creating simple repeating patterns.

We will also focus on the key skills of counting:

- Stable order
- Ono-to-one correspondence
- Cardinality

Literacy

Key Texts:

'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School' by Ian Whybrow, 'Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister, 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson, 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy and 'We're Going to Find the Monster!' by Malorie Blackman.

Phonics / Reading:

Children will have opportunities to share stories with adults and their peers. They will learn that print carries meaning and that in English we read from left to right. They will answer questions and discuss the books and stories they read as we start to develop early comprehension skills. As a class we will learn and sing nursery rhymes and become aware of sounds in words (phonemes) and start to segment and blend sounds together in our daily phonics sessions.

Writing:

Writing opportunities will always be included in all play, and children will be encouraged to write their names or labels in the context of their play.

We will be introduced to the correct letter formation for

Physical Development

Children will be encouraged to use a range of equipment such as scissors, pencils, crayons and chalk to develop dexterity and to use them with increasing control. As part of our 'Kinetic Letters' lessons, we will build our core strength with daily exercises and develop the correct pencil hold to get ready for writing.

PE Unit: First PE (See Knowledge Organiser)

RE Unit: Being Special - Where do we belong?

We will be discussing what makes us feel special, what makes Christians feel special to God, and what groups we belong to.

Understanding the World

The children will talk about the lives of people who are familiar to them and talk about significant events such as birthdays. They will learn about some different occupations such as vets, the police or doctors and nurses. We will start to look at the season of Autumn and will use the book 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert to help us think more about and look at the changes happening around us.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will explore colours and how they change. We will be painting self-portraits, thinking carefully about our personal features and characteristics and how we can represent these through art. There will be opportunities to develop imaginative role play in our home corner and small world play areas.

Music Unit: Exploring Sound