Class R Learning Overview – Autumn Term 2026

**All About Me/ Celebrations**

| Communication and Language/ Literacy | Mathematics | Personal, Social and Emotional Development | Understanding the World | Physical Development | Expressive Arts and Design |
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| This term we will begin reading and writing through the teaching of phonics, introducing single letter sounds. The children will learn the sounds and corresponding picture to help them remember for example S alongside a sun. The letters are in a specific order to help the children read common words. The first sounds the children will be learning are: 's,a,t,i,p,n'. We have a daily story time, where children will be listening to stories. We will encourage children to sequence stories into the correct order and to answer simple questions based on what has been read. | This term all activities will be based around the concept of numbers as labels for counting.<br>We will focus on accurately counting small groups of objects up to 10. We will begin to compare amounts, using vocabulary such as more, less and the same. Working on recognising digits to 10 and placing them in order from smallest to largest. Children will learn to recognise common 2d shapes such as circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. | We will develop children's social and emotional skills by providing lots of activities requiring sharing, turn-taking and cooperation. To engage in circle time where they talk about themselves and their feelings; to discuss rules and routines and ways to stay healthy. | We will encourage children to talk about people who help them, such as family members and people in their wider community such as the police and doctors. | During our PE sessions we will be learning to move with confidence in a number of different ways such as jumping, hopping, running and skipping. Fine motor skills will be developed by lacing and sewing activities, cutting and sticking and using one handed equipment such as paintbrushes and pencils. | Expressive Arts and Design includes activities such as drawing, painting, making things, cooking, role play, music and dance. The children will be encouraged to use the art area, where they can select their own art resources, then using their imagination to decide how to use each chosen item. |

Homework

During this half-term we will issue your child with their first reading book. Most children will be initially given books without words. These help to develop your child's comprehension skills. A reading record book will accompany the reading book and we ask you to fill this in each night when reading their book with them. We use these records too, and will record when we have read with your child in school.

PE Days

PE this half-term will be on Monday's and Friday's. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their full PE kits on this day. We will also be taking part in physical activities during our break times, such as aerobics, skipping and using our outdoor climbing equipment.

If anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Reception Team