

Reception Curriculum Letter - Spring 1- 2026

Our theme for Spring Term is:

People of the World

Our main focuses are:

- Learning about the similarities and differences of life in this country and life in other countries.
- Using sentences to discuss events in detail and talk about familiar books.
- Commenting on images of familiar situations in the past.

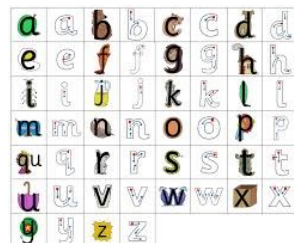
Our theme will last for:

6 weeks



Within Literacy and during free flow we will be focussing on:

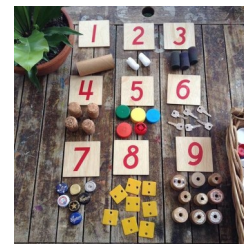
- During phonics we will be focussing on segmenting and blending three and four letter words.
- Learning how to write captions, e.g. cat on a mat.
- We will be learning some new sounds, such as j, v, w and x.
- Learning new tricky words and how to read and spell them.
- Listening to the initial sounds in simple words.
- Listening to the sounds in a three and four letter word and beginning to write these sounds.
- Learning how to form capital letters.



Mathematics

Within Mathematics and during free flow we will be:

- Exploring and using new mathematical vocabulary.
- Counting beyond 10.
- Subitising—looking at a small amount and knowing how many is there, e.g. on a dice.
- Recapping shape names and their properties.
- Composing and decomposing shapes.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (P.S.E.D)

In this topic we will be:

- Learning how to identify and moderate our feelings.
- Learning how to control our impulses
- No Outsiders – reading the story 'Hello, Hello'



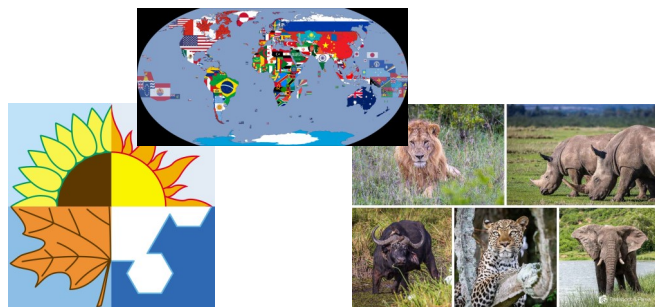
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- Learning how to name an emotion and begin to develop strategies to manage them.
- Developing the ability to stop and think before acting—working on impulse control.

Understanding the world (Science/Geography/History)

In our amazing topic lessons we will be:

- Thinking about different countries and how our lives are similar or different.
- Looking at weather, clothes and animals around the world.
- Commenting on images of familiar situations in the past.
- Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.



Expressive Art and Design

In our creative area we will be focussing on printing, e.g.

- Potato printing
- Printing with stamps
- Using ink
- Printing with vegetables

We will also be learning how to sing in groups and on our own, matching the pitch and melody of the song.



Communication and language

The role play and the small world area will be used to encourage children to use new vocabulary, their imagination and team work skills.

The children will have a range of opportunities to listen to and read stories, talking about what they have read and what they can see in the pictures.

This half term we will also be focussing on developing our social phrases.

Physical Development

We will be revising and developing our fundamental skills, e.g. rolling, crawling, jumping and running to help us move with ease and fluency. We will also be focussing on our small motor skills using a range of tools, e.g. knives, forks and spoons.

Shared home learning:

Learning at home is just as important as learning at school. There are a range of ways to support your child's learning including: reading stories together, going on walks and talking about what they can see or singing songs.

During this half term, your child will continue to come home with a reading book. Please read with your child daily for 15 minutes.

We will be going to the library every Thursday and your child will come home with a library book for you to look at with them.

Reading books and library books will be changed once a week.

