Reception Curriculum Map - Autumn 2 2026

Celebrations, Leaves and Snowflakes

Maths

We will continue to develop our maths knowledge through the NCETM Mastering Number programme. This half term, we will:

- Deepen our understanding of numbers to 5.
- Compare quantities and identify more and fewer.
- Represent numbers in different ways.
- Explore part-whole relationships within 5.
- Develop our understanding of spatial awareness and patterns.

Reading Texts

Texts to support our wider learning:

Leaf Man
The Leaf Thief
Kipper's Birthday
Little Grey's Birthday Surprise





Writing

This term, we will continue our daily handwriting sessions, practising how to hold a pencil correctly and form each letter accurately. We will use these skills to write our names and label our pictures. As part of our 'Celebrations' topic, we will have a go at making birthday cards and writing our own messages. We will also use our growing drawing skills and developing phonics knowledge to retell familiar stories through pictures and writing.

Movement Play

Each day, we will enjoy movement play to develop children's physical skills and confidence. Through activities such as climbing, balancing and jumping, children build strength, coordination, concentration and problem-solving skills while also learning to take turns and work with others.

We access our outdoor area daily, where children can ride bikes, tackle obstacle courses and further develop their gross motor skills.

Drawing Club

Drawing Club texts this half term include 'The Leaf Thief,' 'Kipper's Birthday,' 'Not Now,' and 'Bernard and Penguin.'

Through these stories, we will continue to develop our mark-making and drawing skills, creating recognisable pictures and talking about our ideas. We will also use our growing phonics knowledge to write special codes that bring our drawings to life and spark our imaginations.

Creating with Materials & Being Imaginative

To develop their experiences of colour, shape, line and mark-making, the children will explore the work of a range of artists. Each week, our Artist of the Week will inspire our own creative work as we experiment with different techniques and materials.

This term, we will learn about Jackson Pollock, Wassily Kandinsky, Paul Klee, Yayoi Kusama, Piet Mondrian and Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

Understanding the World

The children will learn about a range of celebrations that take place during this half term. They will explore what each celebration is, learn about its history, discover who celebrates it, and understand why it is important to different people and communities. Through stories, discussions, creative activities and role play, children will develop their understanding of the world around them and learn to respect and celebrate similarities and differences.

Bonfire Night Diwali Remembrance Day Birthdays Christmas

NB60 & Trips / Visits

- Make a mud pie
- Take part in our festive performance
- Watch a live theatre performance

We look forward to inviting parents and carers to join us for our winter crafts Stay and Play session and for watching the children retell and perform the story of Christmas.