

Curriculum Framework for Reception

The National Curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery and Reception we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. A link to this can be found on our website.

In Years One to Six we follow the national curriculum for England and Wales. A link to the National Curriculum can be found on our website. This gives a detailed breakdown of programmes of study for each curriculum area as follows:

English	 Programmes of Study for: Year One Year Two, "Lower Key Stage Two" (by the end of Year Four) "Upper Key Stage Two" (by the end of Year Six) Programmes of Study for each Year Group for Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation 	
Maths	Programmes of Study for each group from Years One to Six	
Science	Programmes of Study for each group from Years One to Six	
All other	Attainment Targets and Subject Content for Key Stage One (Years One and	
National	Two) and Key Stage Two (Years Three to Six)	
Curriculum		
Subjects		

We also follow the Cambridgeshire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

How the Curriculum Is Organised

On the following pages you can see what is being taught in each curriculum area each half term.

Whatever we are teaching, there are certain key features that are consistent about how the curriculum is organised and delivered...

1. A "Context for Learning"

We teach most subjects through a "Context for Learning". This is the over-arching topic we use to provide a meaningful context to the children's work. Usually each half term will have a different "Context for Learning". We use these contexts to teach all the national curriculum subjects, and look to make links between the subject areas.

Literacy and mathematics are taught each day and linked to the theme where possible. Some lessons may be taught discretely if they do not fit in with the context for learning.

We may when appropriate focus on a particular curriculum area for a few days. For example, rather than having one art lesson at a particular time every week, children may have a week focusing on art, enabling them to really get their teeth into a particular project.

Some curriculum areas may not be taught every half term (for example, History may be taught one half term then Geography the following half term).

2. An Exciting "Entry Point"

Each context for learning begins with a "wow" entry point for the children. The purpose of these is to stimulate children's excitement, interest and motivation to learn. These events usually happen in

the first couple of weeks of teaching using that context. They may involve children going on a class trip or it may be an event organised in school.

3. Our Question Boards

Each class begins each half term's context for learning by brainstorming what they already know about the area and generating questions that they would like to find out the answers to. Each classroom has a "questions board" with the children's questions displayed. These help inform the teacher's planning for each half term and are used to help the children to become active, independent learners.

We strongly believe that this skills-based approach to teaching and learning has a positive impact on your child's enjoyment and achievement at school.

A Personalised Curriculum for Your Child

Precise learning objectives are differentiated according to each child's next steps in their learning. You can find out more detail about your child's next steps in learning by coming to the Parents' Evening Meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms, from your child's Annual Written Report in the Summer Term and by making an appointment with your child's class teacher if you feel you need more information or have any concerns.

Homework is another good way of keeping up with what your child is learning. Reading with your child, helping them learn spellings, number bonds, multiplication tables and other activities that are sent home give a good indication of the areas your child is working on.

Our Curriculum for Reception for the First Half of Autumn Term

Context for Learning: Getting to know you!

EYFS Area	Link to National Curriculum Area	Brief Description of what is being taught
Communication & Language	Literacy	 Learning to listen and respond to each other in small groups and a whole class e.g. completing sentence stems I like Because Listening to stories with increasing attention to recall key facts and hear rhyme and alliteration. Following instructions at school to be successful in our new environments e.g. tidy up,
Physical Development	Physical Education	 Exploring the hall space through movement. Follow the leader & the bean bag games Travelling using different parts of the body Developing our fine motor control through simple tracing, threading and drawing activities. Building with large resources Learning to use the monkey bars Understanding how to keep our bodies healthy by washing hands and talking about how to use the toilets hygienically.
Personal, Social & Emotional	PHSE and Citizenship	 Learning how to make a new friend/s Talking about new beginnings Learning and understanding our class and school rules Sharing and taking turns with the resources in the classroom and garden Demonstrates friendly behaviour by being kind Being able to select and use the resources appropriately in the classroom Developing our confidence in a large group of children e.g.talking 'all about me' and what I like to do Becoming aware of my feelings and actions and how they can affect others Adapting their behaviour to new situations e.g. assembly, harvest festival, lunchtime, playtime and carpet time. Confident to talk to other children when playing and communicate freely about home and community
Literacy	Literacy	 Writing our name with a capital letter at the beginning Encouraging and celebrating mark making through different activities e.g. using large chalk outside, paint brushes in sand & exploring different tools Daily phonic sessions Learning to recognise rhyme and alliteration Learning our first set of phonemes, s,a,t,l,p,m,n,d,o,g Learning how to blend and segment with the phonemes we have learnt. Recognising print in our environment An introduction to the Oxford Tree characters
Maths	Mathematics	 Daily Big Maths sessions - counting how children, adults, school dinners etc Learning number rhymes Counting forwards and backwards to ten from any number To count objects or actions which can not be moved Recognising numerals up to ten Sorting and matching objects Learning to recognise 2d shapes and their properties Finding 1 more and 1 fewer /less up to ten Learning to recognise patterns in the environment

Expressive Arts and Design	Design and Technology Music Art and Design Dance	 Learning to sing a few familiar songs Performing a song at the Harvest Festival Learning how to paint a self portrait Explore and learn how sounds and colours can be changed Learn how to name the instruments Learn how to stop and start playing Learn how to use and adapt the resources to make simple role play props
Understanding the World	Geography History Science Religious Education Languages Computing	 Talking about our families Talking about people who help us at school Learning to use ICT in the classroom e.g. IWB, learning to log on to the laptops Talking about difference and diversity in our classroom and celebrating special times and events e.g. birthdays, Eid, Diwali. Language of the term – German, learning simple words and phrases and beginning to understand maps Learning to say hello to say hello in different languages.
	Cooking and Nutrition	 Learning how to use the salad bar at lunchtime Learning how to use cutlery at lunchtime Discussing the difference between fruit at snack time. Making Breadsticks

Educational Visits/Visitors	 Trips to the school lunch hall Trips to the school library German visitors
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Our Curriculum for Reception for the Second Half of Autumn Term

Context for Learning: Once Upon a Time

EYFS Area	Link to National Curriculum Area	Brief Description of what is being taught
Communication & Language	Literacy	 Identifying key features of Traditional Tales Joining in with repeated refrains from stories Use language to predict what happens next and change familiar stories Listen to different versions of Traditional Tales Introduce a storyline/ narrative in their play Sequencing simple stories Understanding speech bubbles Hot seating - roleplaying characters Learning to ask questions
Physical Development	Physical Education	 Learning how to get ourselves dressed and undressed for PE Expressing our feelings through movement Learning how to create simple sequences by moving in different ways Negotiating space successfully when playing games Direction. Developing our gross motor skills by adjusting speed and changing Begins to form recognisable letters Learns to handle malleable materials safely with increasing control
Personal, Social & Emotional	PHSE and Citizenship	 Learn to recognise people who are special to them and why To understand what makes a family and how families care for each other Talk about how to friends and how to be a good friend To understand simple reasons for why friends may fall out and ways to make up with friends To recognise what unkind behaviour looks like and understand what to do when someone is unkind Take part in Anti bullying week Can play in a group extending play ideas – e.g. help build up our role play Enjoys responsibility of carrying out small tasks
Literacy	Literacy	 Encouraging and celebrating mark making Writing our name Using letter sounds in our reading and writing Learning to write and read cvc words and building them to make simple captions Daily Phonic sessions – Completing Phase 2 Learning to recognise the High Frequency Words from Phase 2 Beginning to write speech bubbles
Maths	Mathematics	 Daily Big Maths sessions Counting forwards and backwards to 20 Recognising numbers to 10 and beyond To recognise difference quantities and use these to help solve problems Learning to add and takeaway practically Knowing and understanding our learn its 1+1, 2+2, 3+3 Ordering characters by their height and length Using characters to help us understand positional language Identifying 2d shapes by their properties Naming 2d shapes Ordering and sequence simple events through the stories
Expressive Arts and Design	Design and Technology Music Art and Design Dance	 Create firework pictures using different media Look at the artist Jackson Pollock Work together on a large scale Explore and make different sounds with the instruments e.g. loud and soft To learn our songs To act out the traditional tales

Understanding the World	Geography History Science Religious Education Languages Computing	 Using the Beebots to help retell the traditional tales Learning to use ICT in the classroom e.g. IWB, learning to log on to the laptops To talk about special times and or events in our families To celebrate the difference and diversity in our classroom by celebrating e.g., Hanukah, Christmas To Learn about the main features of a festival and discuss some of the similarities and differences : Eid, Diwali and fireworks Language of the term – German, learning simple words and phrases and beginning to understand maps Learning to count to ten in German. To explore the properties of materials and work out which material would be the best to build a bridge To talk about why things happen and how things work. To learn how to ask questions.
	Cooking and Nutrition	 Making porridge Understanding the difference between sweet and savoury food

Educational	Different story tellers
Visits/Visitors	

Our Curriculum for Reception for the First Half of Spring Term Context for Learning: Bears!

EYFS Area	Link to National	Brief Description of what is being taught
Communication 9	Curriculum Area	Learning to remain focused and concentrate during appropriate
Communication &	Literacy	activities, e.g. listening carefully to stories and in assembly
Language		 Learning to listen and join in during class discussions Learning to use language to recreate roles and experiences in their play
		 Extending our vocabulary for our new topic
Physical	Physical Education	Learning how to get ourselves dressed and undressed for PE
Development		 Learning how to use the big apparatus safely in the hall Using the apparatus to travel under, over, around and through the
Development		apparatus with confidence
		 Using different body shapes on the apparatus, thinking about the shapes 'wall, tall and ball'
		Learning to talk about the changes that happen to our bodies when we
		exercise in P.E.Learning to use simple tools to make split pin bears
		Practising our letter and number formation, remembering to start writing
		in the correct place
Personal, Social &	PHSE and	 Learning to compromise with friends when playing, without the need for adult intervention when disagreements occur
Emotional	Citizenship	 Developing confidence to speak to others about their own needs, wants interacts and apinions
		 wants, interests and opinions Celebrating differences and diversity by learning about Chinese New
		Year
		 Learning to name and identify emotions and feelings Understanding the importance of rules in different environments, e.g.
		playground, lunch hall, classroom, assembly
Literacy	Literacy	 Daily Phonics sessions - Phase 3 phonemes (digraphs and trigraphs) Learning to read and write new tricky words
		 Individual reading with an adult once a week
		 Learning to read a range of texts linked to Bears, including non-fiction books to find out new information
		 Learning to write simple sentences and captions with finger spaces, a
		capital letter and a full stop
Maths	Mathematics	 Writing for different purposes, e.g. letters, lists and stories Daily Maths sessions – counting forwards and backwards from any
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		 Learning to recognise, write and order numbers up to 20 To begin to understand estimation
		To solve simple problems by using addition and subtraction
		 To name the basic 2d and 3d shapes and talk about their properties To begin to learn how to tell the time (o'clock)
		To use the correct mathematical language when measuring – weight &
		 height To understand and use positional language to help find the bear.
Expressive Arts	Design and	Design and make our own collage bear
· · · · ·		Observational drawings of bears
and Design	Technology	 Learn a variety of bear songs Add musical instruments to a well known story
	Music Art and	Make a split pin bear
	Design	 Make a bear using clay Role –Play linked to the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'
	Dance	
Understanding the	Geography	Learning about celebrations in different communities, e.g. Chinese New
		 Year Language of the term: Polish - learning simple words and phrases and
World	History	 Language of the term: Polish - learning simple words and phrases and beginning to understand maps
	Science	Distinguishing between the past and present Locking at habitate
	Religious	 Looking at habitats Learning about hibernation
	Education	Learning about different bears – drawing upon similarities and
		differencesLearning how to programme the BeeBot
	Languages	
	Computing	
	Cooking and	Making honey sandwiches
	Nutrition	Making Bruschetta

Educational	Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic	
Visits/Visitors		

Our Curriculum for Reception for the Second Half of Spring Term

Context for Learning: Pirates

EYFS Area	Link to National Curriculum Area	Brief Description of what is being taught
Communication & Language	Literacy	 Listening and responding to a range of texts linked to pirates, including poetry Using language to recreate roles and experiences through pirate role play Storytelling based on pirate role play Using talk to explain and describe models they have made (linked to pirates topic)
Physical Development	Physical Education	 Continuing to focus on travelling around, under, over and through apparatus in PE Learning how to transport equipment and apparatus for PE safely Learning to perform a sequence using the apparatus and all that we have learnt in PE this term Continuing to work on correct letter formation when writing Handling tools, objects, construction and malleable materials with increasing control Learning to write on lines
Personal, Social & Emotional	PHSE and Citizenship	 Recognising and understanding the importance of different places and features in our local area Recognising and understanding the jobs of people in our local area including people who help them Learning to think about the needs and feelings of others and resolve conflicts with friends by finding a compromise
Literacy	Literacy	 Daily Phonics sessions – embedding Phase 3 phonemes and tricky words into our reading and writing Individual reading with an adult once a week Writing stories based on pirate role play Writing messages in bottles Writing pirate speech bubbles Pirate labelling and caption writing Reading and listening to an increasing range of books and talking about features
Maths	Mathematics	 Daily Maths sessions – counting and using numbers up to 20 Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s Learning how to share, halve and double Recognising, ordering and using coins Learning to tell the time (o'clock and half past) and measuring time in simple ways
Expressive Arts and Design	Design and Technology Music Art and Design Dance	 Making pirate telescopes and other props to support pirate role play Making pirate faces from a variety of media and materials Learning to dance like a pirate Learning about colour mixing with paint Exploring the instruments in the music room Pirate role play in small groups Making boats with different materials to experiment with floating and sinking
Understanding the World	Geography History Science Religious Education Languages Computing Cooking and Nutrition	 Recognising and understanding the importance of different places and features in our local area Recognising and understanding the jobs of people in our local area including people who help them Controlling Beebot to get to the treasure Using a children's camera to record our learning Using programmable software on the class laptop (2Go) Talking about floating and sinking Learning about how Christians celebrate Easter Making Bruschetta

Educational Visits/Visitors	Local area walk and visit to the Mosque? (links to PSED and UTW) Visit from Caroline Dale from St Matthew's Church (Easter)

Our Curriculum for Reception for the First Half of Summer Term

Context for Learning: Look what is happening!

EYFS Area	Link to National Curriculum Area	Brief Description of what is being taught
Communication & Language	Literacy	 To understand what a question is and respond with an appropriate answer – Linked to what they can see. To follow simple instructions e.g. farm rules, caterpillar rules, planting seeds and class assemblies Answer how and why questions about their experiences e.g trip to the farm. Using language to recreate roles and experiences through our class assembly and roleplay in the classroom To express ourselves effectively showing awareness of the listeners' needs. To use the correct tense when discussing past, present and future events (linked to visits and visitors) To know the key events, setting and characters in a story – Jack and the Beanstalk
Physical Development	Physical Education	 To hold a pencil effectively to form recognisable letters and use these in our everyday writing. Learning to write on lines and show some awareness of ascenders and descenders when writing. To show increasing control over different objects such as patting, pushing, throwing, catching and kicking. To negotiate larger spaces successfully. To learn how to throw and catch different objects To talk about ways to stay healthy e.g. exercise, healthy eating and learn about the grow, glow and go foods
Personal, Social & Emotional	PHSE and Citizenship	 To understand and value what our bodies can do. To understand ways of looking after our body and keeping it clean. To understand how members of our family and other trusted people care for and look after us. To recognise how growing up makes us feel. To develop our confidence to speak in front of an audience. To adjust our behaviour to different situations e.g. school trip and class assembly.
Literacy	Literacy	 Daily Phonics sessions – learning to embed Phase 4 (especially the clusters e.g. band, paint, post, stamp) into our reading and writing. Individual reading with an adult once a week Labelling a life cycle diagram Making a whole class poem Recounting an experience. E.g. going to the farm Writing a letter to say thank you. Reading and listening an increasing range of books and talking about features of a non-fiction text To retell the sory of Jack and The Beanstalk Writing our own non-fiction books
Maths	Mathematics	 Daily Maths sessions – counting and using numbers up to and beyond 20. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s Learning how to share, halve and double Number bonds to ten To recreate symmetrical patterns To learn the vocab for capacity e.g. full, empty, half full Explore the characteristics of 3d shapes
Expressive Arts and Design	Design and Technology Music Art and Design Dance	 Observational drawings of seeds, plants etc Painting and printing symmetrical butterflies To learn new songs for our class assembly Learning about colour mixing with powder paint To learn the primary colours To make a windmill for the garden To explore the different musical instruments in the music room. To understand the pitch and pulse in music. To express how they feel about different pieces of music.

Understanding the World	Geography History Science Religious Education Languages Computing	 Design and make our own classroom miniature garden Observe the changes that happen to plants and animals. To talk about what plants and animals need to survive. To discuss the similarities and differences in the environment. To talk about how to keep our environment safe and To use the classroom camera to record key events – plants growing and the caterpillars changing To learn some key words and phrases in French
	Cooking and Nutrition	 Secret Garden salad Glow, grow and go foods

Our Curriculum for Reception for the Second Half of Summer Term

Context for Learning: Around the World

EYFS Area	Link to National Curriculum Area	Brief Description of what is being taught
Communication & Language	Literacy	 To listen attentively to visitors who come to talk about food/cultures and ask appropriate questions. To listen to the stories 'Handa's Surprise' and 'A Balloon for Grandad' and answer 'how' and 'why' questions in response to the texts. To talk about the photographs in their 'All About Me' books, explaining the past events shown and speaking confidently to peers and adults. To use the past tense to talk about what they have learnt in Reception. To use the future tense to talk about their transition into Year 1 – their new routines etc.
Physical Development	Physical Education	 To prepare for and take part in Sports Day – using good control and coordination for a variety of running, throwing, balancing and jumping activities. To understand and discuss the importance of a healthy diet, physical exercise and other ways to keep healthy and safe. To continue to work on the correct letter formations.
Personal, Social & Emotional	PHSE and Citizenship	 To understand and talk about healthy lifestyle choices. To value and discuss similarities and differences between themselves and others in their class/other families. To understand that people and families have different beliefs and customs which are important and special to them. To understand that it is important to respect other people's differences and the ways in which they live their lives. To prepare for their transition into Year 1.
Literacy	Literacy	 To read and write poems about food. To read and answer questions about texts linked to food and different countries around the world e.g. 'Handa's Surprise', 'Handa's Hen' and 'A Balloon for Grandad'. To write recounts of our holidays and weekends. To write captions for the photographs in our 'All About Me' books to show to our new Year 1 teachers. To read and write recipes and instructions. Daily Phonics sessions – moving on to Phase 5. Individual reading every week.
Maths	Mathematics	 Daily Maths sessions – counting and using numbers up to and beyond 20 in practical contexts. Counting, recognising and ordering with numbers up to 20. Identifying one more and one less than a given number up to 20. Adding and subtracting with two single digit numbers, using different methods to help us e.g. objects, fingers, number line. To solve simple problems involving doubling, halving and sharing. To use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money. To compare quantities and objects to solve problems. To explore the characteristics of everyday objects and shapes, and use mathematical language to describe them e.g. corners, faces, sides.
Expressive Arts and Design	Design and Technology Music Art and Design Dance	 To learn new songs about food. To listen and respond to music from around the world. To experiment with changing the sounds that instruments can make. To make observational drawings of food. To learn about colour mixing with paints. To continue to use our Role Play Areas and link to our topic e.g. Café, Fruit and Vegetable Shop, Bakery, Aeroplane. To respond to what we have learnt or represent our own ideas through design and technology, art, music, dance and stories.

Understanding the World	Geography History Science Religious Education Languages Computing	 To use our 'All About Me' books as prompts to talk about our families, special events, celebrations. To understand that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and respond sensitively to this. To talk about similarities and differences between ourselves, families, communities and traditions. To use the class camera to record activities which are important to them. To continue to use the class computers for a variety of purposes. To use kitchen utensils when cooking. To learn some simple French vocabulary from our French speaking parents visitors.
	Cooking and Nutrition	 Secret Garden salad / Bruschetta Glow, grow and go foods

Educational Visits/Visitors	 Visits from parents – food around the world and cultures/traditions/celebrations around the world. 	
	Visits from French speaking parents.	