

## Communication, Language and Literacy

Children will be working in both large and small groups to share ideas and stories. We will be using a wide range of high quality stories to help children develop a love of reading. Through our topic, 'You've Got A Friend in Me' the children will have the opportunity to share and record from their own experiences and use role play to help them re-tell stories.

Our class text will change every week to expose the children to a wide range of stories and different types of texts.

## Maths

Children will be using a range of number songs and rhymes to recognise and use numbers to 10. They will be using practical activities and equipment to help them link maths to the real world. The children will also take part in maths investigations, enabling them to practise their problem solving and reasoning skills.

## Understanding the World

We will be learning how to stay safe online.

In Science, we will be finding out about our bodies and naming basic body parts through songs and games.

The children will also explore and discuss their own families and family history.

## Physical Development

Children will be looking at the differences in their bodies when they do physical activities.

# Reception Autumn 24

## You've Got a Friend in Me / Sparkles and Celebrations

### Phonics

Children will be taught phonics through daily sessions, using the Little Wandle scheme. This will help children to hear phonemes in words and recognise the graphemes that represent them. Children will bring a phonics book home weekly to read with an adult.

### Key information

We have planned exciting themed weeks to support transition in the Autumn term!  
Including- Arts week and Happy, Healthy Me week!

- **Stunning start – Family library visit.**  
R1 23<sup>rd</sup> September      R2 24<sup>th</sup> September
- **Fantastic finish – Nativity performance on the 19<sup>th</sup> December**
- **PE – Monday, please send PE kit in a bag to stay on their peg**
- **Homework – Basic skills will be sent weekly in a homework book. Please read with your child at least 3x a week and record in your reading diary.**
- **Trips/Experience- Theatre visit on the 12<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Weather – We will go outside in all-weather so please send your child prepared for this!**
- **Reception Fund – Please remember to pay you £1 weekly Reception fund to your class teacher every Monday.**

## Expressive Art & Design

We shall be using the theme of 'You've Got a Friend in Me' to explore similarities and differences. We shall be painting self-portraits. Later in the term, we shall be making clay divas and decorating them with patterns as we celebrate Diwali. In December, we shall use our creative skills as we get ready to celebrate Christmas. We shall also look at different artists and explore how they create art.

## Personal Social and Emotional Development

Children will be taking part in a range of circle time activities to get to know their new school friends and teachers. We shall also be following our scheme of work called 'Jigsaw' to support our PSED understanding.

We will be focusing on working together and taking care of ourselves and others. We will be learning to use our belongings and equipment in the classroom with care. Alongside this, we will be introducing our class rights and responsibilities to help us to make positive choices.

## What can you do at home to help?

- Hear your child read at least 3x a week and record this in their home reading journals.
- Complete basic skills homework.
- Take your child to the local library.
- Share books together – these can also be recorded in home reading journals. Remember to talk about what is happening in the books, what might happen, locate the author's/illustrator's name and the title.
- Practice writing their full name.
- Try to include maths as you go about daily routines. You could talk about shapes in the environment, count items as you do the shopping, weigh ingredients as you are cooking or counting as you go up and down stairs.

## Meet the Reception staff



Miss Blackwell  
Class teacher



Miss Cunningham  
LSP RI



Miss Wilson  
LSA RI



Miss Willetts  
LSA RI



Miss Clewley  
LSA RI



Miss Russell Lacy  
Class teacher R2



Mrs Stewart  
LSP R2



Miss Cotterell  
LSA R2



Mrs Riggan  
LSA R2