



Team: Foundation Stage

Autumn 1 2026

Overview of this Term

During Autumn 1 children will be settling into their new school and exploring their new classroom. We will be discussing the theme of being 'unique' and exploring all the things that make us who we are. We will be looking at parts of our body, senses, families, our homes and what festivals we celebrate. This will lead us on nicely to celebrating Harvest Festival towards the end of the half term.

Communication and Language

During this term the children will be developing their communication and language skills through play and developing their social skills. We will be learning how to ask and answer questions during carpet times and forming full sentences. We will do lots of singing and nursery rhymes to help us explore topics and themes.

Physical Development

Our main PE lesson will be on Thursdays - please come into school in our PE kit. During this term we will be learning to navigate a space, move in a variety of ways and to use equipment safely with a partner. In class, they will be developing their fine motor skills through playing with playdough, 'Funky Fingers' activities, mark making and letter formation activities. We will also be developing their gross motor skills through activities to strengthen our core as well as accessing our outdoor area.

Partnerships with Parents

We will be sending out lots of information over the next half term regarding our learning and other events. There will be a monthly newsletter to update you on all the exciting things we have been doing, please look out for this! If you have any questions regarding your child's learning and development or progress, please either contact the office via email or arrange a time with Mrs Pilbeam. Arranging a time is important, as it means that we can fully engage in a conversation with you. Please look out for information coming home in regard to Seesaw, we will be using this as a home-school reading record as well as posting any important messages.



We Are Unique



Literacy



The children have a daily Read Write Inc. phonics input where they will learn new sounds and develop the correct letter formation. Children will begin by learning set 1 sounds which are our single letter sounds. The children will also be learning how to blend sounds together to make words. Please look out for much more information coming home about our phonics and reading scheme as well as ways in which you can support reading at home. We will also be exploring many other exciting picture books and use these in our writing lessons. We will be engaging in drawing club which is very exciting as this is where we can go on adventures and start to write special codes!

Mathematics

The children will participate in adult led activities, where they will be introduced to new concepts and skills through practical activities. The children will also be taking part in independent maths activities to support, consolidate and build upon what they have been introduced to during adult led activities. During the Autumn term we will be learning how to sort, think about different patterns and begin to understand the numbers 1-5, learning about the composition of these numbers and the important skill of subitising.



Key Information



- Your child must bring a named bottle of water into school each day.
- Please ensure each piece of your child's uniform has their name clearly labelled.
- Please ensure your child has a jumper and a coat in school every day.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- PE lessons are on Thursday. Please could your child come to school dressed in PE kit and suitable footwear.
- Please bring in your child's reading books every day, these will be changed once a week.

Understanding the World

We will be learning all about our bodies, including naming parts of the body as well as exploring our 5 senses. We will be learning about our families and how all families are different, we will be applying this knowledge to learn how homes and houses differ too. We will be learning about our local area and explore Woodley in the form of a scavenger hunt. We will be exploring special and important celebrations and events such as Harvest Festival, Black History Month and Diwali.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During Autumn 1 we will be using our theme of 'We are Unique' and exploring this further in our Jigsaw unit 'Being me in my world', exploring all the things we love and what is special to us. We will also be practising our communication skills and learn about how to say no to something we do not want to do.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will have daily opportunities to express themselves creatively. During free-flow time they will be able to choose from a variety of resources such as paint, junk modelling, collage and drawing materials. We will also be creating self portraits, Rangoli patterns, harvest printing and more! We also continue to learn and perform a variety of songs and nursery rhymes.