



**Reception  
Autumn 1  
September-October 2023**

**Communication & Language**

This half term the children will develop their listening skills and understand why listening is important. They will learn new vocabulary and practice using it throughout the day. They will use talk in a variety of contexts and will be encouraged to articulate their ideas in well- formed sentences.

**Physical Development**

The children will revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired: rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, skipping and climbing. They will progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developed control and grace. They will develop their small motor skills so they can use a range of tools competently e.g. pencils, scissors, knives and forks.

**Mathematics**

Over the first half term the children will further develop the keys skills of counting both objects and actions. The children will begin to develop fast recognition of numbers to 5 (subitising). They will compare quantities using language 'more than', 'fewer than'. They will name some shapes and use them to construct and make patterns.

**Understanding the World**

The children will be learning about themselves and their families. They will be learning about their local environment and will be describing what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. They will begin to explore the changing seasons.

**Music**

In music children will learn a variety of songs focusing on , pitch and melody. They will also learn about a number of instruments and the different ways we can play them.

**Personal & Social Development**

The children will be learning all about themselves as a valuable individual. They will learn how to build respectful relationships, play and share with one another. We will be following the 'My Happy Mind programme' where we will explore our feelings and learn about how our brain works. We will be teaching the children some strategies to calm themselves when they feel sad or worried-using 'Happy

**Literacy**

This half term our main text is 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers'. The children will be exposed to a wide variety of quality texts and poems. The children will be encouraged to develop the correct pencil grip and will begin to correctly form letters. The children will follow the Read Write Inc programme where they will rapidly learn the sounds of each individual letter. They will participate in 'Fred talk games' to help them blend sounds into words.

**Religious Education – To Know You More Clearly**

Branch 1: Creation & Covenant: The children will hear scripture from the Bible: they will learn about what Christians believe; how God made the wonderful world and God made and loves everyone. The children will celebrate being part of God's family and will learn about how we enter God's family through the sacrament of Baptism. They will learn how to show care and love for self, family and others and God's world.

**Expressive Arts & Design**

The children will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. They will learn different techniques for joining materials together and will have the opportunity to work collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills. They will engage in imaginary play using a range of resources.

**Homework**

The children will bring home their letter cards, please practice these on a regular basis, using both the picture and letter side of the card.

Handwriting practice and maths homework will be set each week. Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday.

**Thank you for your support.**  
**Miss Turner & Mrs Lacey**