

# Curriculum Information

## Reception Autumn 1



Hello everyone and welcome to Reception! I just want to take this opportunity to say how excited I am to be working with the children in Reception, they already seem so ready and eager to learn so I can't wait to start our school adventure together! Our topic this half term is "All about me" Throughout our topic we will be looking closely at ourselves and our families. We will take a geographical approach through exploring maps to find where we live and who lives with us in our house. We will also look at the history of our lives and observe how we have changed from babies to the present day. This, allowing us to create our very own timelines.

Throughout Reception we will share your child's progress through "Marvellous Me" including their reading progress. All children's books will be changed on a Monday and your child will receive 2 books to practice at home. These books **must** be kept in their book bags as they will be used in school each day. We will also take a visit to our school Library once a week where your child can choose a book share with you at home. P.E will be on a Tuesdays and Thursdays, please send your child to school in their P.E kit on these days.

### Maths

This half term we will be focusing on number including; counting and ordering numbers 1-5, recognising numerals and using objects to make different amounts. We will assess the children to see where they are in their development to support them in the best way possible.

Throughout the home setting maths will occur naturally however there are a few things you can do to support your child with their school focus for this half term.

- Going on a number hunt in the natural environment (door numbers are great)
- Counting at every opportunity
- Playing toy shops
- Mark making numbers with different materials (glitter, shaving foam, sand)
- Download the White Rose App and have a go at some games!

### English

To link with our topic "All about me" We will be focusing on 3 key texts.

**Book 1:** Free Fall by David Wiesner

**Book 2:** Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

**Book 3:** The Ugly Duckling (Fairy-tale classics)

Throughout these texts we will be focusing on the structure of a story, looking closely at the beginning, middle and end. We will observe main characters and events from the story and encourage the children to retell in their own words, using key vocabulary they will be exposed to throughout learning.

A few things to do at home to support the above:

- When reading, pause and ask what might happen next.
- Ask why questions ("why are they sad?")
- Expose to new, rich vocabulary.

## **Phonics**

Our scheme at Harden for Phonics is “Little Wandle” The children will start their phonics journey from week 2 (12/9/22) where they will be introduced to the sounds S,A,T,P,I,N The children will rapidly work through the sounds of the scheme and you will see such a huge improvement in their recognition of letters and quite quickly their formation and spelling. Each time a sound is learnt I provide a sound card for that letter. These will be in their reading wallets to share with you at home and practice! The children will learn phase 2-4 of the scheme before year 1. These include sounds and “tricky words” (words we can not sound out) More information will be given on phonics so do come and see me if you require some extra guidance.

## **Technology**

To link into our topic “All about me” The children will be exploring maps. To link with this we will be using the bee-bots on simple maps, encouraging the children to use navigational language.

The children will also use the I pads to play mathematical games on the white rose apps and to create images using the painting tool.

## **Topic**

Throughout our topic “All About me” The children will look closely at themselves including their likes, dislikes, aspirations and dreams. They will discuss how they have changed from the past to present day including what the differences are from being a baby to now and how they will change as they become older. The children will move onto looking at our body and how we keep it healthy and safe, we will cover body parts, our senses and what a healthy meal looks like. Finally the children will look at their local environment including where they live, they will discuss who is in their family and who lives in their home with them using maps and google earth to support.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

The children always have access to the design and craft area but these will be complemented with different enhancements and focused activities. We will be making links to Art through our topic and creating; self and family portraits and building our homes using junk modelling. The children will also create digital media through the Ipad creating representations of themselves and their homes. Through music we will start to join in with familiar songs and nursery rhymes whilst exposing the children to new songs with a rhyming pattern. We will also be introducing musical instruments.

## Physical Development

**Gross Motor:** Introduction to P.E, Spatial awareness, cooperation games, climbing (outdoor equipment) keeping safe and moving in different ways.

**Fine Motor:** Name writing, pattern making using different materials (sand, flour playdough) threading and weaving

## R.E

**Which stories are special and why?**

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur

Sukkot

All Saints Day

## PSHE

Throughout PSHE this half term we will explore; New beginnings, being me in my world, social skills and making friends, class rules and routines and how I am different to my friends.

## Home Learning

**Reading** - As week 2 begins your child will be sent home with a reading book. These books begin without words to really deepen their comprehension skills. Once phonics has begun your child will then be sent home with a book with words to compliment the sounds taught in phonics. When reading to your child or hearing them read to you ask questions about what they have read to check their comprehension and that they have understood it. Encourage them to answer questions with explanations rather than 'because I think so'.

**Words**— As sounds are taught, flashcards will be sent home to practice. We recommend you do some sort of reading or phonics work daily to consolidate work completed at school but we understand that as the children start school it's sometimes just too tiring so don't worry too much as they have lots of practice when in school!

**Marvellous Me** - Here you will find observations of things your child has done at school. This might be a wow piece of writing or maths or their amazing creations in the construction area. We aim for a variety of observations per half term. Please expect about x2 per week, per child. Please check this app regularly as it's our contact point for important school messages.

If there is anything you would like to discuss in person please let me know and we can arrange a date and time. If you have any questions please feel free to email me or catch me at pick up/drop off

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