



Our theme: Me and My Local Area

Welcome back! We are so excited to begin a new school year and look forward to seeing the children grow in confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning.

This half term, our learning will focus on ourselves, our families, our school and the local area around us.

What will we be learning?

All About Me

We will explore what makes us special and unique, talk about our families and homes, learn about our bodies and senses, and celebrate the similarities and differences between us.

My School & Local Area

We will explore our school and local community, think about our journey to school, identify local landmarks and begin to use simple maps and aerial photographs. We will also learn about people who help us.

Phonics

Reception will begin their phonics journey, learning their first sounds and developing early blending skills. Year 1 will revisit key phonics knowledge while learning new sounds and develop their ability to apply this when reading and writing.

Literacy

Our learning will be inspired by stories including The Colour Monster Goes to School, Ruby's Worry, Room on the Broom, Cave Baby, Supertato, The Jolly Postman and The Leaf Thief. We will develop our vocabulary, storytelling, speaking and listening skills and confidence in writing.



Maths

Reception will complete their baseline assessments and develop early number skills through counting, sorting, matching and recognising numbers. Year 1 will focus on numbers to 10, including counting, comparing, ordering, one more and one less, and beginning to explore parts and wholes.

Creativity & Music

We will have lots of opportunities to paint, draw, collage, print and create, including self-portraits, family pictures, name collages, autumn artwork and Harvest printing.

In music, we will follow Charanga 'Me!', learning songs, exploring rhythm and developing our confidence in singing and performing. We will also learn Harvest songs.

Being Me in My World

Through our Jigsaw programme, we will focus on being special and safe, belonging to our class, rights and responsibilities, rewards and consequences, and taking ownership of our class Learning Charter.

We will encourage children to be resilient learners who have a go, keep trying and enjoy their achievements.

Outdoor Learning & Physical Development

Our outdoor provision will be available every day, giving children opportunities to run, climb, balance, push, pull, carry, throw and catch as they develop strength, coordination and confidence.

Our PE learning will focus on throwing, rolling, aiming, accuracy, teamwork, tactics and playing safely.

Forest School will provide opportunities to explore nature through activities such as bug hunting, conker games, nature crowns, natural printing and making bird feeders.

Harvest & RE

We will explore where our food comes from and why Harvest is an important time for Christians to give thanks. We will also think about people around the world who may not have enough food and how charities help others.

How can you help at home?

- Read together every day.
- Talk about your journey to school and what you notice.
- Look for signs of autumn when you are out and about.
- Talk about your family, home and local area.
- Practise writing your child's name.
- Encourage independence with dressing, tidying and looking after belongings.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes together.
- Encourage your child to talk about what makes them special and unique.
- Post family photos and wow moments on Seesaw for your child to share and talk about at school

Dates for the diary

Monday 14th September - Meet the Teacher

Friday 18th September - Parents Phonics Workshop

Saturday 3rd October - Cross Country in John Leigh Park - YEAR 1 ONLY (More info to follow)

Friday 9th October - Harvest Festival

A reminder about learning through play...

Our indoor and outdoor continuous provision will be available every day. Through areas such as construction, creative, role play, sand, water, small world, writing, maths, dough and the mud kitchen, children will have opportunities to play, explore, experiment, solve problems and develop their own ideas.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Autumn 1 together!

Miss Todd and Miss Priestley

