



Reception Yearly Overview for Parents 2026-27

Reception Long Term Plan						
Key area	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme	Gather Around	Let's Celebrate!	Thank You for Helping	Amazing Animals	In the Garden	At the Beach
Communication and Language	Settling in, listening, taking turns and expressing needs.	Using polite phrases, asking questions and noticing details.	Building vocabulary and describing events in more detail.	Explaining ideas, asking questions and talking about animals.	Using full sentences and joining ideas with and/because.	Confident conversation, explanations and story retelling.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Learning routines, rules, kindness and independence.	Building friendships, managing feelings and solving small conflicts.	Perseverance, healthy choices and understanding others' feelings.	Cooperation, road safety and talking about feelings.	Setting goals, having a go and learning about wellbeing.	Independence, resilience, positive relationships and readiness for Year 1.
Physical Development	Moving safely, changing for PE and developing pencil/scissor control.	Balance, coordination, core strength and dressing skills.	Throwing, catching, tripod grip and careful letter formation.	Ball skills, teamwork and growing independence with clothing.	Using apparatus safely, Sports Day skills and accurate drawing/cutting.	Energetic movement, strength, coordination and confident tool use.
Literacy	Nursery rhymes, traditional tales, early phonics, name writing and initial sounds.	Story talk, book features, blending sounds and writing simple CVC words.	Predictions, sequencing, reading phrases and writing short captions.	Fiction/non-fiction, reading simple sentences and supported sentence writing.	Story maps, question words and increasingly independent sentences.	Fluent story retelling, phonic reading and simple sentences others can read.
Mathematics	Matching, sorting, comparing, patterns and numbers 1-3.	Numbers 0-5, circles, triangles and four-sided shapes.	Numbers to 8, mass, capacity, length, height and time.	Numbers 9-10, number bonds, pairs, patterns and 3D shapes.	Numbers beyond 10, addition, subtraction, sharing and grouping.	Deep understanding to 10, doubles, odds/evens, mapping and consolidation.
Understanding the World	Families, our local area, harvest, autumn, farming and belonging.	Bonfire Night, remembrance, Christmas, winter, freezing and floating.	People who help us, maps, communities, forces, growth and creation.	Animals, habitats, Africa, life cycles, Easter and caring for living things.	Plants, minibests, growing, special stories and the changing natural world.	Beach environments, travel, dinosaurs, recycling, special places and change over time.
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring marks, self-portraits, songs, rhymes and imaginative play.	Colour mixing, painting, structures, celebrations and the Nativity.	Junk modelling, purposeful painting, role play and performance.	Animal sculpture, pattern, texture, music and developing storylines.	Mixed-media art, observational drawing, rhythm and minibest songs.	Textiles, planned creations, storytelling, singing and performance.
Key Experiences and Celebrations	Harvest, Diwali and Black History learning.	Bonfire Night, Remembrance and Christmas.	New Year, Lunar New Year and community visitors.	World Book Day, Shrove Tuesday, Mother's Day and Easter learning.	Eid, planting and observing life cycles.	Father's Day, Sports Day and transition to Year 1.