



Reception Spring Term 2026

I Wish I Was...

This term our overarching theme is 'I Wish I Was...'
Focussing on 'Heroes and Villains' and 'Explorers' from the past, present and from stories, we will use a range of quality texts to introduce historical and fictional characters. We will learn about people who help us at home and school, our local community, heroes from the wider world and beyond! We will also be learning about some Asian countries and how they celebrate Lunar New Year.

Phonics

We will continue to support your child's developing reading skills through the Read Write Inc programme. The children have been assessed and will work in different groups across the school to ensure they are being supported at stage, not age. This means your child will be taught with a range of different children across KS1.

Maths

As mathematicians, this term we will be practising subitising numbers 6 to 10 - recognising common number patterns for these numbers without counting. We will look at number bonds for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10. We will also practice recognising, continuing and creating repeating patterns.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus this term will be on keeping safe and staying healthy. In Circle Time we will talk about healthy food choices and ways we look after our teeth. We will discuss ways to keep our bodies and minds happy and healthy.

Communication and Language

Children will develop their understanding and use of 'why' and 'how' questions to find out more about the things which interest them. Through direct teaching, topic-linked work and independent activities, the children will be given opportunities to learn and practise a wide range of vocabulary to talk about different occupations, what they do and how they help their communities.

Physical Development

Alongside independent access outdoors to physical activities with bikes, scooters, balls, obstacle courses and other equipment, children will take part in formal PE activity once a week. We will continue developing and strengthening our gross and fine motor skills, as well as balance and coordination. Finger Gym challenges will be used to boost hand and finger dexterity for writing, drawing and other hand-to-eye tasks.

Messy Play

This term the children will be given lots of opportunities to access learning through large-scale wet and messy activities.

The way a child engages with other people and their environment underpins their learning across all the curriculum areas. We are committed to building these key Characteristics of Effective Learning as solid foundations for the rest of our children's school life and beyond. Big, messy, fun activities give children the chance to learn and explore in exciting, free and playful ways, to spark joy and chatter, to inspire curiosity, to grow confidence and to build perseverance. This gives them experiences which enable them to think critically, imaginatively and to problem solve.

Developing these attitudes and skills through messy play will help our children to leave the Foundation Stage into Key Stage 1 with those strong foundations for lifelong learning.