

This term, Reception are learning about:

Literacy We have an exciting array of texts to enjoy in our English lessons this half term. These include Naughty Bus and train Ride which are stories about creativity and imagination. We will also look at texts linked to our transport theme: 'Lost and Found' where the main character sails on a boat to the South Pole and 'The Great Sibling Getaway'. We will finish the term with some festive texts including 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and 'The Snowman'. Children will learn to read and write CVC words, expand their use of adjectives and learn to write labels, lists and letters. In our reading sessions, we will read Rainbow Fish and Stickman, as well as some exciting Pearson texts. In our daily Phonics lessons, children will continue learning Set 1 sounds. We will be providing a wide variety of mark making activities during explore time to develop fine motor skills and encourage writing.	Maths Children will apply their knowledge of numbers to ten to solve mathematical problems. Focusing on addition and subtraction, they will combine two groups and explore subtraction by partitioning. Measurement will remain a focus, with children ordering objects by size and using everyday language to talk about volume and capacity. Children will also describe and sort 3D shapes and use mathematical language to describe position accurately	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development Children will focus on playing co-operatively and taking turns while regularly working in pairs and small groups. They will learn to confidently express their thoughts and opinions with their peers and have a clear understanding of classroom rules. Children will continue to participate in weekly circle time sessions, where a range of themes will be discussed - still directly led by the situations that arise in the class. Themes may include conflict resolution strategies, the importance of celebrating diversity, how to make new classmates feel welcome or what it means to be polite.	Communication and Language Children will be encouraged to listen attentively in a range of situations and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They will be supported in following more complex instructions and challenged to use 'full scholar sentences' when sharing ideas. Children will also have regular opportunities to introduce a storyline or narrative into their play and explore the meaning of new words throughout the story.	Physical Development In PE this term the children will be continuing to develop skills in Gymnastics. They will learn and refine a variety of shapes, jumps, balances and rolls. They will link a simple balance, jump and travel actions to make a sequence individually and with a partner. In the outdoor space they will continue to have bikes and large equipment to encourage gross motor strength.
Expressive Arts and Design In art the children will be continuing to learn about colour. They will look at how Pissarro used different colours to show different seasons in his paintings and the children will create their own calendar with a series of season paintings. Together with our music specialist, we will be working on singing new songs together and learning to incorporate our developing rhythmic knowledge. We will be working towards our festive nativity play performance at the end of half term and developing our confidence further. To support collaborative play, children will have the opportunity to participate in a range of role-play activities. This term, the classroom features a home corner ready to decorate for the Christmas season as well as wrap presents, look after the baby and the pet dog.	Understanding of the World This term we will be learning about past and present transport. Children will understand that transport means moving something from one place to another and that wheels can help us move things. They will explore different forms of transport and learn how these have changed throughout history. The children will also be learning about religious celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas.	