



Reception Curriculum Overview 2026-27

Areas of learning	Autumn 1 My world / Nursery Rhymes	Autumn 2 Celebrating festivals / Space	Spring 1 Traditional tales	Spring 2 Power of reading	Summer 1 Growing and changing	Summer 2 Under the Sea
Communication and language	Chatterboxes	Nativity	Role play	Storytelling	Growing and changing	Sharing experiences and knowledge
Personal, social, emotional development	Settling in Personal hygiene Building relationships	Seeing themselves as a valuable individual	School values	Being responsible	Healthy Eating	Dental hygiene Transition to Year 1
Physical Development	Gross motor skill development Introduction to PE	Gross motor skill development Introduction to PE	Gross motor skill development Ball skills Fundamentals	Fine motor skill development Games Unit Gymnastics	Fine motor skill development Ball skills Fundamentals	Fine motor skill development Games Unit Gymnastics
Literacy	Nursery Rhymes	Non-fiction texts Christmas Story	Traditional tales	Power of reading	Fiction and non-fiction texts	Fiction and Poetry
Phonics	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 2/3	Phase 3	Phase 3/4	Phase 4
Mathematics	Match, sort and compare Talk about measure and patterns It's me 1,2,3	It's me 1,2,3 Circles and triangles 1,2,3,4,5 Shapes with four sides	Alive in 5 Mass and capacity Growing 6,7,8 Length, height and time	Building 9 and 10 Explore 3D shapes	To 20 and beyond How many now? Manipulate, compose and decompose Sharing and grouping	Sharing and grouping Visualise, build and map Make connections Consolidation
Understanding the world	Seasonal change Harvest	Festivals around World St Andrews Day	Seasonal change Online safety St Davids Day St Patricks Day	St George's Day Vaisakhi	Lifecycles Growing – sunflowers and beanstalks	Seasonal change Under the seajk
Expressive Arts and Design	Nursery Rhymes Orchard apple (tasting) Jam sandwiches	Nativity Shortbread (tasting) Decorate a Christmas biscuit	Instruments from the orchestra Gingerbread men (tasting) Stir-fry (Chinese New Year)	Instruments from the orchestra Chocolate nests (Easter)	Musical composition Pasta salad	Singing and song writing Melon boats