



Physical Development

We will be focusing on developing the children's fine motor skills by providing a selection of resources for threading, such as ribbons and beads. We will also be encouraging the children to show control when using a pencil and to use the correct pencil grip with their dominant hand. The children will also be taking part in 'dough disco' activities to further aid the development of their fine motor skills..

The children will be encouraged to develop their gross motor skills through running, climbing, and jumping in our outdoor area. They will be given balls and hoops to practise throwing and catching, and there will be bikes available daily to strengthen their leg muscles and develop their balance.



Marvellous Me!

And

Let's Celebrate!

Autumn Term

**Monday 2nd September to Friday 13th
December**

Communication and Language

This term we will be developing the children's focus and listening skills during short carpet sessions and through story time. We will be encouraging the children to respond to stories they have heard.

Through our topics, the children will be learning and using a range of vocabulary related to our bodies, feelings, senses, the people who help us and celebrations. (Please see the "Important vocabulary" section for more detail).

The Reception Team

Miss Halpin- Reception 1 Class Teacher

Ms Halley- Reception 1 TA and First Aid Lead

Mrs Mistry- Reception 2 Class Teacher

Mrs Paoli- Reception 2 TA

Mathematics

In maths, we will be focusing on the numbers 0-20. We will be learning to count, compare, order and write numbers up to 20. We will also look at the relationship between consecutive numbers up to 20 by looking at more and less and we will be looking at different ways to represent numbers up to 20.

We will be learning about time in terms of night and day, days of the week and months of the year. We will also explore 2D shapes, learn about positional language and how to create repeating patterns.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, the emphasis will be on supporting the children with the transition into Reception and to make them feel happy and secure at school by forming positive relationships with adults and children in school.

We will be teaching the children about the routines and expectations of our school, and we will be focusing on activities which encourage the children to take turns and share. The children will be shown how to talk about their feelings with an adult and we will show them how to access the calm corner, to help them self-regulate their emotions.

We will be discussing how to make healthy choices and to maintain good hygiene through washing hands, oral health etc. The children will be taking part in weekly Jigsaw sessions.

Literacy

This term, we will be focusing on mark-making which is the pre-cursor to emergent writing. We will be encouraging the children to form shapes and lines and if possible, letters and numbers.

The children will also be encouraged to recognise their names and to write them.

We will begin teaching the children phonics formally in the week beginning 30th September. We use the Read Write Inc. programme for Phonics. Further information about the programme will be given at the curriculum meeting.

Phonics teaching will be delivered in streamed groups lead by all of the Reception team. These groups are based on 1:1 assessments which are carried out by Mrs Rahmen and Miss Callaghan. This will allow them to learn their phonics at an appropriate level for them.



PE days: Tuesdays and Wednesdays – please send the children into school wearing their kits (until further notice).

Book bags and reading diaries should be sent into school every day. Caps/hats and blazers should be worn daily. Please make sure your child has spare clothing in their backpack at all times as explorative play can get messy!

Understanding the World

For our topic 'Marvellous Me!'. We will be exploring who we are as individuals and as part of a community. We will look at how our favourite toys and our school compare to toys and schools from the past. We will also learn about the importance of healthy eating and good dental hygiene.

For our 'Celebrations' topic, we will be learning about some of the celebrations that fall within this term:

Bonfire Night
Remembrance Sunday
Diwali
Hannukah
Christmas

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using a range of art techniques to create artwork, including blow art using a straw. The children will be encouraged to explore their creativity by accessing the creative area of our classroom where a variety of resources are available for the children to work with. For example, making models with junk and loose parts and mixing colours with a variety of mediums. They will have the opportunity to explore music at our outdoor music station and they will be encouraged to join in with singing and dancing. They will be also enjoy being creative with play dough and other malleable materials. The children will take part on our EYFS Nativity at the end of the autumn term.

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th September – First day of term for Reception

Tuesday 24th September– Reception curriculum meeting- 2pm

Saturday 12th October – Keble Open Morning- 10am- 12pm

16th & 17th October- Parents' consultations

Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November- Half-term holiday

Thursday 5th December – EYFS Nativity- 2.30pm

Saturday 7th December – KPSA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 12th December – Pre Prep trip to Finchley Depot

Friday 13th December – Last day of term

Important Vocabulary

We will be using vocabulary to describe our feelings such as **happy, sad, nervous** and **angry**. The children will also describe their families using words such as **mum, dad** and **grandparents**. They will be learning about words related to people who help us for example, **stethoscope**. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary related to celebrations e.g Diwali.

Healthy tuck boxes

Eating healthy food is very important to us in Reception. Please ensure your child has a snack for the afternoon. This should NOT contain meat. **Please note that we do not allow any foods containing nuts or nut products at school.**

