



Reception Creative Curriculum Overview

Throughout Reception we will be learning to become:

Communicators who are able to listen to one another and value what each other say. We will become confident speakers in a range of situations.

Readers who love snuggling down and listening to stories. We can use our phonic skills to decode words and begin to recognise lots of common words.

Writers who can confidently write for a range of different purposes - from list writing to story tellers, using phonics to help construct a simple sentence or two.

Mathematicians who can solve problems, applying basic number skills (e.g. counting up and using numbers to 20) in a range of real life situations.

Scientists who are keen to investigate and explore the world the around them.

Children's interests
The themes below are a guide to our year in Reception. We are responsive to children's interests and life experiences as well as giving them this broad and balanced curriculum.

All of what we do is underpinned by the **characteristics of effective learning** enabling children to be explorers, independent, motivated, focused, creative and resilient.

Fairy Tales/Ourselves
Autumn 1



As we settle into Reception we will learn about our learning environment and school life and new routines of the day. We will learn about ourselves and our class mates, and find out about our five senses. We will complete our "life in a box" and find out more about our families.

Starry Night
Spring 1



We begin by immersing ourselves in stories about witches and wizards and enjoy making lots of amazing stars spells and learn about nocturnal animals. We find out where Father Christmas is from and animals that live in the Polar Regions. We learn about the Christmas story and our finale will be our amazing performance of the Little Nativity!

Me and my World
Summer 1



We find about the world around us, looking at local features, London landmarks, Great Britain and then the world. We fly on a magic carpet to countries that are important to us. We read Paddington stories and write our own Paddington story.

Dinosaurs and Animals that lay eggs
Autumn 2



We stomp back in time and discover all sorts of interesting facts about dinosaurs. We even find an egg in our classroom, what will hatch out?! We learn about new life as we observe real chicks hatching.

Wheels
Spring 2



It is all go as we explore wheels! From physical challenges on our bikes and scooters to exploring how things move we have great fun as we travel, whizz and glide through many stories involving a range of vehicles.

The Farm and Growing
Summer 2



We learn all about food and where it comes from, making our food including smoothies. We enjoy a trip to the farm and experience animals up close. We celebrate the end of our first year in school at our class assemblies and compete in our sports day at Dinton Fields.

Our values underpin all we do and strive for every member of our school community:
Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Determination, Courage, Equality, Inspiration

Key learning throughout the year

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Skills of friendship, being part of a wider community, learning to share and cooperate

Communication and Language
Listening, responding, speaking, engaging with others

Physical Development
Fine and gross motor skills, keeping healthy, independence in self care

Literacy
Immersed in a rich language environment, vocabulary development, love of stories and range of text types.

Mathematics
Real life problem solving with number, shape and space, strongly influenced by our theme and interests.

Expressive Arts and Design
Imagination, creation, role-play and exploring materials.

Understanding the World
and how it works in the natural and man-made environments