Reception Autumn 2 2026-2027

Literacy :
This term, the children will be exploring a range of texts, becoming language collectors by noticing and using new words in their play and writing. They will be encouraged to be brave writers, beginning their journey towards becoming independent writers. The children will continue practising name writing, extending to their last names, and will build on their phonics knowledge to write simple words and captions.

Physical Development:
This term, the children will be developing confidence in fundamental movements and experiencing a range of physical activities such as jumping, sliding, rolling, and moving over and under apparatus. They will continue to develop coordination, balance, and gross motor skills through structured and play-based activities. We will also have daily fine motor skills on offer such as threading and weaving as well as craft activities such as cutting, gluing and moulding to improve dexterity and hand strength.

Maths:
This term, the children will be exploring 2D shapes, learning to recognise and describe their properties such as sides and corners. They will also be encouraged to spot shapes in the environment and in everyday objects, helping them make connections between their learning and the world around them. In addition, the children will be working on number skills, including finding, subitising, and composing numbers 4 and 5, and revisiting concepts of 1 more and 1 less. These activities will help them develop their number sense, counting skills, and understanding of mathematical relationships in practical and engaging ways.

Expressive Arts and Design
This term, the children will explore a variety of creative techniques and activities to express their ideas and imagination. They will create firework pictures using splatter painting, printing, and collage, and take part in firework dances, using movement, music, and rhythm to represent fireworks bursting in the sky.
In addition, the children will retell the Christmas story through discussion and drama, and will have the opportunity to take part in our Nativity play,

Phonics: This term, the children will continue their phonics journey, learning four new phonemes each week. They will practise blending sounds both orally and, in their heads, helping them to read simple words and develop early reading skills. Children will also be encouraged to begin reading independently, using their growing knowledge of phonemes and blending to decode words in simple texts. Through games, songs, stories, and play-based activities, children will continue to develop listening and attention skills, expand their vocabulary, and use their phonics knowledge to segment sounds when writing.

PSHE:
This term, our focus will be on Celebrating Difference. The children will learn that everyone is unique and special, and that we all have our own strengths, interests, and qualities. We will explore how to include others when working and playing and talk about ways to help and support others if they are feeling left out or being unkindly treated.
The children will be encouraged to try to solve small problems independently, to use kind and respectful words, and to give and receive compliments to help build confidence and self-esteem.

Understanding of the World.
This term, our focus will be on celebrations. The children will learn about and discuss a range of special events, including birthdays, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will explore the cultural and historical importance of these occasions, talking about how and why people celebrate them in different ways around the world. The children will take part in our school Carol Service and Nativity play, giving them the opportunity to experience and reflect on the traditions and meaning behind Christmas. Through stories, discussions, art, and role play, the children will develop their understanding of different beliefs, customs, and community events, learning to appreciate and respect similarities and differences between themselves and others.