

Welcome to Reception!

Our topic this term will be 'People Who Help Us'. We hope this topic web will give you some idea of the work your child will be involved in during the term.

If you have any expertise in these particular areas please speak to your class teacher!

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will:

- Listen to stories about starting school
- Explore a range of different texts relating to 'People Who Help Us' and use these as inspiration for mark making and writing
- Learn some single letter sounds
- Learn to blend and segment simple words
- Use single letter sounds to read and write simple words

Mathematics

The children will:

- Explore the numbers from 0 - 5 with a focus on 'number sense'
- Understand the concept of more and fewer, representing this in a variety of ways using objects and pictures
- Look at the composition of numbers to 5
- Practise 'subitising' to 5 (recognising these numbers in different formations without having to count them)
- Explore a variety of different shapes and patterns in a practical way

Understanding the World

The children will:

- Learn about the people and places in the school and in their local environment
- Find out about different jobs around the school (caretaker, school cook, and head teacher)
- Learn about each of the emergency services and the people who work within them

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will:

- Introduce themselves to their new class
- Think about the similarities and differences between them and their peers
- Play 'getting to know you' circle games
- Become familiar with the classroom routines
- Celebrate some of the people who are special to them

Physical Development

The children will:

- Develop their fine motor skills through a range of practical activities
- Develop their pencil grip and control
- Practise mark making
- Learn to do up zips and buttons
- Explore the outdoor equipment during play times and free flow
- Practise moving in different ways, for example, walking, running, jumping, skipping and hopping
- Learn to negotiate different obstacles safely whilst moving

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will:

- Draw and paint their own self portraits
- Explore imaginative play in the doctors role play area
- Make their own 'People Who Help Us' accessories and equipment
- Explore colour, learning about the primary colours to begin with and using these to produce emergency service vehicles
- Sing a range of different nursery rhymes
- Learn to move in time with music
- Explore musical instruments