



# Reception Curriculum letter Autumn 1 2023



What a wonderful start we have had this year- thank you for your continued patience with start and end of the day routines- learning lots of new names and faces takes us a little time but we will get there eventually!

Mrs. Pountney and Mrs. Hyde in RP and Mrs. Freeman, Miss Robinson and Mrs. Perks from RF

Communication and Language (CL)	Physical Development (PD)	Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)
<p>In the first half term, your child will embark on an exciting journey of language development. They will be developing listening skills through our 'Teaching Children to Listen programme', learning new vocabulary and building their confidence when speaking and expressing themselves in a variety of scenarios. Through interactive activities, stories, and conversations, they will explore the magic of communication, laying the foundations needed for all areas of learning. We will also be using WellComm as an intervention tool to ensure individual children's communication skills are supported.</p>	<p>Your child will be working on developing gross (large) and fine (small) motor control skills this half term. They will explore the outdoor area and develop coordination, balance, as well as spatial awareness whilst using the climbing frames, large block play and the balance bikes. They will learn to use equipment carefully and be encouraged to try things out that may be unfamiliar. They will also learn how to use a range of tools and writing implements safely and effectively, developing dexterity and precision. We will also use yoga to develop calming strategies and improve strength and balance.</p>	<p>We understand starting school can be a challenging experience for lots of children so in this first half term we will be focusing on building relationships with your child, getting to know them and helping them to feel part of a positive community at Heathlands. We use the Jigsaw PSHE program across school to guide our direct teaching of PSED alongside giving lots of time to discuss situations, sort problems and share ideas in this first term. We will also introduce our school values, school rules and expectations in the classroom.</p>
Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World
<p>We are so excited to introduce 'Talk for Write' into our reception classes this year. This strategy will enhance your child's learning experience as it is a creative and effective method that helps children remember and write stories. They will be learning the story 'The Gingerbread man' this half term so please look out for ways that you can help them consolidate this learning at home. We believe this approach will make learning enjoyable and effective for your child, whilst fostering their language and writing skills. We will also be continuing with our RWI (Read Write Inc) phonics scheme, starting with matching sounds to letters, forming letters using the RWI rhymes and blending sounds together orally to say words. Please look out for our RWI parent workshop later in the term where we will invite you in to see how wonderful this scheme is for your child. In the meantime, please find further information here <a href="https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/">https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/</a></p>	<p>In this first term, your child will explore the exciting world of mathematics. We use elements from the White Rose Maths program to ensure we meet the needs of all children. We will explore counting out an amount, counting a given amount, matching an amount to a numeral as well as other everyday mathematical vocabulary linked to shape and measure. They will also discover that tidying up and sorting are essential mathematical skills and will make our reception classes wonderful places to be if we do this as part of a team! We aim to nurture their love for Maths early on, building confidence and a solid foundation as they move through school.</p>	<p>In the first half term of Reception, we will celebrate each child's unique identity when discussing their family as we also support them to feel part of a new community here at school. We will also discover the excitement of celebrations including birthdays, assembly, and Bonfire Night! We will be looking at the changes that happen when we make gingerbread and the changes that happen around us as we move from Summer into Autumn.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	Additional information	Useful links

In this first half term, your child will explore their artistic and imaginative side, studying a famous artist each half term and creating their own masterpieces! We will encourage all children to explore a wide range of resources and mediums such as paint, dough, collage, and junk modelling and express themselves through movement, dance, and imaginative play. Additionally, they will take part in the Charanga music program and develop a love for music.

**Please remember the following....**

- **Name everything clearly**
- **Bring a water bottle every day**
- **Bags with spare clothes please leave at school until needed**
- **No additional bags are needed at school- we will provide a book bag this half term**
- **Please bring a waterproof coat every day as we go out in all weathers!**
- **Look out for a 'Seesaw login' where we will share additional information**

For phonics support  
<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

Cosmic kids' yoga  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga>

Seesaw information  
<https://web.seesaw.me/families>