

Year R Newsletter

Autumn 1

2025-2026

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Welcome!

Welcome to Year R!

Bumblebee class teacher is Miss Reddick, and Caterpillar class teacher is Mrs McCallum.

Our school Christian Value this half term:
Friendship and Cooperation.

Our PE days are Wednesdays.

Children wear their PE kit into school on these days. Children wear a blue polo shirt and navy blue bottoms for PE, with plain white or black trainers.

Equipment: Reading folder, school bag (no rucksack), water bottle and coat.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions. Please do this via the school office email address and it will be forwarded to the correct teacher.

Maths

NCETM – Mastering number scheme

Singing number songs

Representing numbers using fingers and numerals

Introducing new vocabulary

Introducing the concept of subitising

To solve real world mathematical problems
with number up to 5



Literacy

Writing and recognising names
independently

Introducing early reading skills

Mark making using a range of tools

Exploring rhyme and alliteration

Introducing our Twinkl Phonics scheme

Nursery rhymes and rhyming activities

Fine motor development

Developing pencil grip and control



Understanding the world

Creating a family portrait

Understanding family history and their
belonging

Completing a special tour of the school and
the outdoor classroom and spaces

Name and label basic body parts

Weekly forest school sessions –
(Wednesdays)

Outdoor learning opportunities



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Topic

ALL ABOUT ME

We will enjoy spending time getting to know the children through a variety of texts, bag of me and other activities.

Children will develop a sense of self and independence.

Music



The children will have weekly music sessions with Mrs Webb.

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What makes something special?



PE

PE will be every Wednesday and led by Cardinals.

Personal, Social, emotional development

Learning about school rules
Playing friendship games
Learning how to wash hands effectively
Learning how to put on coats
Introducing The Zones of Regulation
Making new friends

Home Learning

This term your child will receive a reading folder. Initially this will contain wordless picture books for your child to create their own stories and practice good reading habits. We expect the children to read 5 times a week. When we start phonics and the children are ready we will send home decodable reading books. Please always sign in the yellow reading diary so we know when your child has read.

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Diary dates

- 12th September – Children in full time
- 29th September – INSET
- 22nd October – School Photos
- 23rd October – Parents Consultations
- Week commencing 27th October – HALF TERM
- 3rd November – INSET
- 30th November – FOSPS Laser Show

Reminders

Please label everything

PE kit to be worn to school on a Wednesday

Please bring a coat when it is raining or cold

Please provide wellies to be kept in school