

RECEPTION	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
<p>TOPIC 1</p>	<p>Adventure into Friendship and Feelings</p> <p>This topic teaches children about how they are unique and special, and the importance of friendship and kindness. Children will first be introduced to the book <i>All Are Welcome</i>, which celebrates diversity and shows how everyone is welcome in our school, no matter how different we are. This topic supports children as they settle into the routines and expectations of Reception, helping to build confidence and a sense of belonging in their class. It focuses on forming friendships and developing social skills, encouraging kindness, helpfulness, and thoughtfulness both at home and in school. Through revisiting <i>The Colour Monster</i>, children will explore their emotions on a deeper level, learning how to express their feelings and understand the emotions of others. During PSHE circle times, children will discuss what is special to them, share about their family trees, and strengthen communication skills, fostering positive interactions and emotional awareness. This topic supports personal, social, and emotional development, promoting a supportive and inclusive classroom environment.</p>	<p>Autumn Adventures</p> <p>This topic helps Reception children explore the changes that happen in autumn, focusing on the cooler weather, falling leaves, and how animals prepare for the winter months. Through outdoor play and sensory activities, children will discover the sights, sounds, and textures of the season. By reading <i>Stick Man</i> and <i>Tidy</i>, a story about a badger and its autumn adventures, children will learn about nature's transformations, the importance of working together, and how animals get ready for the colder months. The topic also encourages children to think about the environment around them, fostering curiosity and understanding of the natural world as it changes through autumn.</p>	<p>Twisted Tales and Fantasy Fun</p> <p>This topic builds on Reception children's knowledge of traditional fairy tales, with a focus on exploring imaginative versions and adding exciting twists! Children will journey through magical stories, including <i>Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion</i>, <i>The Great Fairytale Disaster</i>, and fantasy characters such as <i>The Dragon with the Blazing Bottom</i>. Through these fun and creative stories, children will encounter fantastical characters like giants, dragons, and knights, sparking their imaginations. The topic encourages role-play, storytelling, and creative activities, inspiring new vocabulary as children explore the exciting worlds of fairy tales and fantasy.</p>	<p>Creepy Crawlies and Curious Critters</p> <p>This topic introduces Reception children to the tiny creatures living in their gardens and local environment. They will explore insects and creepy crawlies, learning about how they move, what makes them special, and how they contribute to nature. Children will have the opportunity to investigate the bug hotel in the Reception garden, observing the different insects that make it their home. Through outdoor play and observations, children will develop skills in asking questions, making comparisons, and noticing patterns in the natural world. This topic encourages curiosity, enhances communication skills, and helps children develop a deeper understanding of living things and their role in the environment.</p>	<p>Dinosaur Discoveries: Exploring the Past and Present</p> <p>This exciting topic introduces children to the world of dinosaurs, helping them understand how life was different millions of years ago compared to today. Children will explore the types of dinosaurs that once roamed the Earth, what they ate, and the different habitats they lived in. Through the book <i>How to Look After Our Dinosaur</i>, children will learn about the care of dinosaurs, and <i>Dino Dinners</i> will teach them about carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. To consolidate their learning, children will take part in a Dinosaur Experience Day, where they will become archaeologists, digging for fossils in the sand and following dinosaur footprints around the school in a thrilling dinosaur hunt. This hands-on experience will help children connect with the topic and spark their curiosity about how life was in the past and how it differs from our present day.</p>	<p>Wild Wonders of the World</p> <p>This topic introduces Reception children to animals and people from different places around the world, both on land and in the sea. Through the book <i>The Snail and the Whale</i>, children will explore different parts of the world, learning about the varied landscapes, from tropical oceans to frozen icebergs, discovering how the weather changes in these places. The book <i>Snail Mail</i> will take children on an exciting journey through a snail's experience in many different countries and how life and weather differ in each one. This topic will help children understand the diversity of the world and encourage them to explore how animals and people live in different environments.</p>
<p>TOPIC 2</p>	<p>Everyday Superheroes</p> <p>The topic will explore the people in our local community who help us, such as paramedics and firefighters, and children will have the exciting opportunity to meet these everyday superheroes through visits. This topic encourages children to appreciate the people who support and care for them, while fostering a sense of belonging and understanding of their own importance in the world. It also focuses on the importance of family and the people who care for them. Reception children will focus on their families and explore the concept of family trees.</p>	<p>Birthday Bashes and Festive Fun</p> <p>This topic helps children explore the special celebrations that take place during the autumn and winter seasons, focusing on birthdays and the unique ways people celebrate around the world. Children will learn about the importance and meaning behind different celebrations, including Christmas. They'll read <i>Joy to the World!</i>, <i>Christmas Around the Globe</i> to discover how Christmas is celebrated in various countries, expanding their understanding of global traditions. As they begin to use their language skills, children will share their own significant celebrations with their class. The topic will culminate with a magical Elf School experience, where children will go on an Elf Hunt, complete fun challenges set by Santa, and be inspired by the story <i>We're Going on an Elf Hunt</i>. Through these activities, children will develop a deeper understanding of festive traditions and what makes these celebrations special to them.</p>		<p>Little Green Fingers</p> <p>This topic helps Reception children explore what plants and animals need to grow and thrive, with a focus on planting and caring for their own plants in the Reception garden. Children will learn about the life cycle of plants, from seeds to full-grown plants, and understand what plants need to grow and survive. Inspired by the story <i>Jack and the Jellybean Stalk</i>, they'll engage in hands-on activities, planting their own seeds and watching them grow. Children will also have the exciting opportunity to observe the life cycle of a duckling, starting with hatching eggs and following its growth and changes. Through these experiences, children will develop an understanding of life cycles, nurture living things, and deepen their knowledge of the natural world around them.</p>	<p>Amazing Animals</p> <p>This topic helps Reception children discover the fascinating world of animals, teaching them how to care for animals and the importance of looking after our environment. Children will explore animals that live on land, in the sea, and in different climates, learning about their unique characteristics. Through the books <i>Giraffes Can't Dance</i> and <i>Commotion in the Ocean</i>, children will learn about the behaviours and habitats of different animals. The topic will include fun activities that help children expand their vocabulary, develop communication skills, and deepen their understanding of animals and their homes.</p>	