

Autumn 1 - Magnificent Me!

Communication and Language	Personal, Social, and Emotional Development	Physical Development
Children will be encouraged to continue to develop their communication and language skills through nursery rhymes, familiar stories, songs, conversations and play. We will have plenty of opportunities to join in with stories and rhymes, talk about what is special to them and build upon their independence when communicating their wants, needs and ideas using their increased vocabulary and gestures. Adults will model ambitious language and introduce new vocabulary to support children's developing confidence as communicators.	Throughout Autumn 1, children will focus on settling into Reception and during this period children will now build a stronger sense of their own identity and their place in a wider world. We will be focussing on the topic Magnificent Me! To support the children with their understanding. The children will be learning to recognise the importance of social rules and customs, and will show understanding and tolerance of others. During this topic the children will supported to recognise and talk about their feelings, develop an understanding of gentle hands and positive behaviour, recognise what makes them special and will explore the importance of families and relationships.	Children will build on both their gross and fine motor skills through weekly PE, outdoor play, daily Funky Fingers activities and carefully planned enhancements. We will be understanding how to wear a cycle helmet, ride a balance bike safely navigating the space around them. They will continue to explore small construction materials, use large mark-making tools, practise snipping with scissors, threading and developing greater control when making lines, circles and other shapes. This will help to develop our pencil grips in preparation to write and form letters correctly. We are also securing our independence to deal with our self-care.

Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the world	Expressive arts and design
We will be starting our phonics lessons focussing on individual phonemes to support our reading. We will explore mark making using a range of tools to build our writing strength and begin to form recognisable letters, listen and respond to stories, join in with repeated refrain, and begin to talk about themselves, their experiences and the differences between people.	Children will develop their early mathematical understanding through daily maths inputs, stories, songs and enhanced provision. We will be using one-to-one correspondence up to 10. We will also be matching real objects with other real objects. Children are learning to recognise the importance of social rules and customs, to show understanding and tolerance of others,	Children will explore themselves and the world around them. They will learn about people who help us in the local community, share family photographs, celebrate different backgrounds and languages, and talk about their own lives and communities. Children will also begin to explore maps of Houghton Regis, helping them to develop an awareness of their local environment.	Children will be encouraged to express themselves creatively through a range of materials and experiences. They will explore mark-making resources, create self-portraits and experiment with building materials. Children will also develop their imagination through singing familiar rhymes and songs, exploring sounds and music, moving and dancing, and engaging in simple pretend play.