

Houghton Regis Primary School

'Where Everyone Matters and Every Day Counts'

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Reception Curriculum

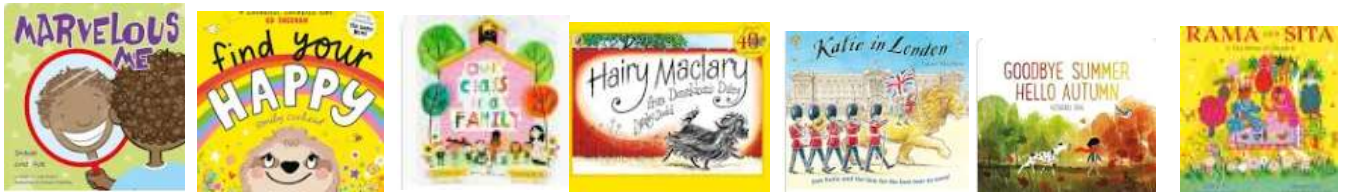
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new term in Reception! The children have settled back into school life with great enthusiasm and positivity.

Our new topic for the term is My World, where we will be exploring our families, places, and feelings that make up our everyday lives.

We began with the heart-warming story Magnificent Me, which helped us talk about what makes each of us unique and special. It has been a joy to see the children so engaged and confident, sharing their ideas and stories about the world around them. We cannot wait for all the learning and discovery still to come!

Here are the books we will be looking at throughout the term:



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

We are going to look at stories such as Magnificent Me and Find Your Happy, where we will be helping children talk about their feelings, celebrate their uniqueness and begin to build positive relationships. Children will be learning to express preferences, share, take turns, and understand that everyone is special in their own way. During circle time and role-play, we will be encouraging conversations about family, friends, and what makes us feel safe and happy.

Communication and Language

We will be developing speaking and listening skills through storytime, singing, and rich discussions. Children are encouraged to share their own stories and experiences during group times, using full sentences and expressive language. Our storytelling texts like Hairy Maclary and Katie Goes to London will introduce new vocabulary linked to places, people, and descriptive language.

Physical Development

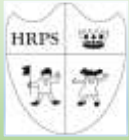
We will be building strength, coordination and control through mark-making, climbing, riding bikes, using the new climbing frame and exploring different movement patterns. We will be focusing on fine motor skills with activities such as threading, dough play, and using tools such as scissors and pencils with increasing control. We will be supporting the children the importance of personal hygiene and independence such as washing hands and putting on coats.

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Literacy

Through our engaging stories, the children will be developing a love of books and storytelling. Children are learning how to handle books, talk about characters and settings and join in with repeated phrases. We are introducing Phase 2 phonics and helping children to recognise sounds and match them to letters. Mark-making is encouraged in all areas and we will be supporting early writing skills.

Mathematics

We will be exploring number through songs, games and real-life contexts, such as counting how many children are present or how many apples in the basket. Children are developing number recognition and using language like "more", "fewer", "first", and "next". We are also looking at patterns, shapes, and comparing size through construction play and sensory activities.

Understanding the World

Children will be learning about their own lives, cultures and communities by sharing family photos, talking about home life, and learning about people who help us. Using the book Katie Goes to London will help to spark curiosity about different places and environments. We will also be exploring seasonal changes and discussing where we live and the features of our local area.

Expressive Arts and Design

Through music, role-play, painting and model-making, children will be expressing their ideas and exploring creativity. We will be singing familiar songs and learning new ones linked to our theme. Children will be building homes from blocks, creating self-portraits and acting out stories with puppets and props. There will be a strong focus on using different materials to explore colour, texture and form.

PE days: Gold and Platinum class will be on Wednesdays.

Do not forget to log onto Class dojo for Gold or Platinum class to receive daily communications to help support your child's learning in Reception.

Key Dates for Reception – Autumn 1

It is going to be a brilliant year of learning together in My World!

Wednesday 15 th October at 2:30pm	Phonics Workshop
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Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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