

## Welcome back

Welcome to Reception and Year 1! We have a very exciting Autumn Term ahead of us. For some of you, this will be your first term at school, for the Year 1 children, you will already be familiar with how our school works. We can't wait to get started with the fantastic learning that will take place this term in the Koalas Class.



## Topic themes

Our themes this term are:

### Autumn 1

**Who am I and where do I belong?**

### Autumn 2

**What happens in the night sky?**

# Koalas

## Literacy

We will explore the stories of Rosie's Walk, Handa's Surprise, Whatever Next and Owl Babies. Our Reception children will spend time sequencing story events, retelling stories and also talking about the characters. Our Year 1 children will be working on retelling events and also understanding simple sentence structure. We will have lots of opportunities to be creative with our writing! We will also look at non-fiction texts about Diwali and Christmas. We will learn and perform Autumn Poetry.

## Computing

This term we will spend time learning how to use BeeBots and programming them to move in different directions. We will create different maps for the BeeBots to follow!

## Maths

In our first half term our Reception children will be working on sorting, matching and grouping everyday objects. We will then move onto looking at numbers to 5 and understanding the composition of these numbers. Later on in the term we will learn about 2d shapes. Our Year 1 children will start the year by learning about place value to 10, we will then move onto addition and subtraction within 10. Later on in the term we will learn about a variety of 3d shapes and their properties.



## Science and understanding the world

This term in our Science lessons we will be learning about the Human Body. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves clean and healthy. We will also spend time learning about different materials and linking this to our Novel Study, Whatever, Next! We will also observe seasonal changes, learning about Autumn and Winter. We observe how the seasons are changing throughout the year.

## Physical development

In our PE sessions, we will be learning about fundamental movements. We will be playing lots of games to build teamwork and communication with others.



## Personal, social and emotional development

We will focus on building relationships with peers throughout our first term. We will familiarise the children with our Oxley Values and understand how we follow them in school. We will start the year looking at the story The Colour Monster, which will help us manage our feelings and behaviours. We will spend lots of time looking at our emotions and understanding them. In Autumn 2 we will learn about Anti-Bullying.



## History, geography and understanding the world

In Geography we will be contrasting locations, using the story Handa's Surprise to explore what Africa might be like and how it is different to where we live. We will be learning about Famous People in History and particularly Astronauts. We will also learn about Guy Fawkes and understand why Bonfire Night is celebrated.

## RE and understanding the world

In RE we will answer the questions of: Where do we belong? And Why is Christmas special to Christians? We will also learn all about the Hindu Festival of Diwali.



## Expressive arts and design, music and DT

In Art, we will be creating our own African Art, linked to our story Handa's Surprise. In our DT unit, we will make our own moving space pictures using sliders. The children will also have an opportunity to explore their creativity through our Continuous Provision. In Music lessons, the children will be learning about Pulse and of course, learning lots of songs for our Nativity Show!