

WELCOME

HELLO!

Hi!

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be settling into our new classroom and getting to know each other! We have lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children to explore. Keep an eye out on Instagram to see our curriculum and your wonderful children in action!

We visit the library throughout the week

PE for Penguins & Koalas is on **Monday** with Coach Adam and **Tuesday** with Coach Harry.

## English

This term, we're diving into some delightful stories, including The Gingerbread Man, The Little Red Hen, Room on the Broom, and Stick Man.

We'll have a great time practising sequencing events, chatting about the characters, and retelling our favourite parts. Alongside our fictional tales, we'll explore non-fiction texts about Diwali and Christmas, and even dabble in some lovely Autumn poetry! Our Year 1 children will kick off the year with The Colour Monster, where we'll learn to recognise and label our emotions. We'll also focus on simple sentence structures before crafting instructions for a spooky potion. Exciting times ahead!

## Maths



Our EYFS children will spend our first half term sorting, matching and organising everyday items and objects. We will practise counting objects, counting images and counting aloud together. We will explore numbers to 5 and how to find different ways of making the numbers 3, 4 and 5.

We will also learn to name and describe 2D shapes. Our Year 1 children will focus on numbers to 10. We will spend the first half term looking at place value to 10 and then moving on to addition and subtraction within 10. Towards Christmas time, we will begin our learning on shapes. Our Maths lessons will demonstrate lots of practical, hands-on learning.

# PENGUINS & KOALAS

## Topic themes

Autumn 1 - What is it like to be me?  
Autumn 2 - What happens in Autumn?

PROUD  
to be ME!





## Communication and Language

We will be focusing on developing interactions between children and adults in our setting. The children will have lots of opportunities to talk about experiences that are familiar to them, starting with their treasure bags! We develop language through storytelling, role play, high-quality adult interactions and a language-rich environment.

## Understanding the world (RE, History & Geography)

This term, we'll embark on an exciting journey exploring our school and its grounds! We'll dive into 'The Little Red Hen', discover why Bonfire Night is celebrated, explore Diwali and our Year 1s will learn about the human Body, exercise and embrace our roles as budding geographers when we compare and contrast locations.

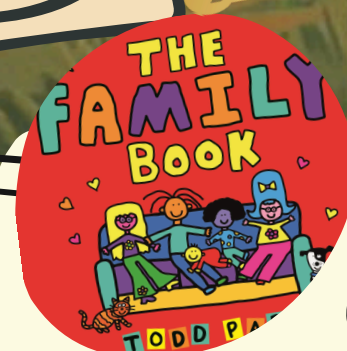
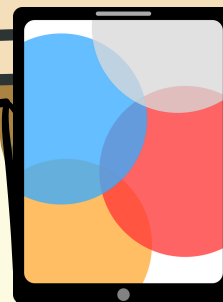


'Blue Chameleon' by Emily Gravett is a charming picture book about a lonely chameleon striving to make friends. Through vibrant illustrations and engaging text, it beautifully explores themes of loneliness, identity, and the quest for companionship.



## Expressive arts and design (Art, Music, DT & computing)

This term, we will have plenty of opportunities to explore creativity! We'll dive into colour and materials by crafting our own colour jars and exploring Giuseppe Arcimboldo to create self-portraits in his unique style. We'll investigate primary colours, making collages with different techniques. We will also create textiles using various fabrics and colours, learning simple joining techniques—Year 1 will even have a go at sewing a basic stitch! Plus, we'll explore musical pulse with lots of singing, especially festive tunes! Finally, we'll embrace technology, using iPads to discover apps for creativity and photography.




The Family Book is a delightful picture book that joyfully celebrates the wonderful diversity of families. Its heartwarming message reveals that every family is unique and special, regardless of how it may appear.



## Personal, social and emotional development (PSHE)

This half term, we're diving into building relationships with our peers and adults. We'll explore feelings through the Colour Monster stories, learn about our Oxley values, discover friendship qualities, and celebrate family diversity while enhancing our teamwork skills. Exciting times ahead!



## Physical development

In EYFS, we'll have a fantastic time with big movements like rolling, balancing, and throwing! We'll strengthen our fine motor skills, learn to dress for PE, and follow instructions through fun games and gymnastics. Year 1 will build on these skills, exploring ball games and understanding gymnastics movement. Exciting times ahead!



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welcome