

## Welcome back

Welcome to the Foundation Stage!  
The Reception year is a busy and exciting time for the children. Each term we will send you an overview like this to share the learning that will be happening in the Penguin 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?

## Literacy

We will explore the stories Rosie's Walk, Handa's Surprise, Whatever Next and Owl Babies. We will practise sequencing story events, talking about the characters, retelling stories and identifying favourite parts. We will explore non-fiction texts about Diwali and Christmas. We will also learn some Autumn poetry.

# Penguins

## Maths

We 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.





## *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.



## *Personal, social and emotional development*

We will be focusing on building relationships with other children and adults in the setting and how to manage our feelings and behaviour. We will use the Colour Monster stories to help us. We will learn our Oxley values and what they mean for us.

## *Physical development*

We will explore fundamental 'big' movements such as rolling and balancing and throwing and catching equipment. We will work hard on strengthening our fine motor skills. We will practice getting ourselves dressed for PE and finding our way to the hall.



## *Understanding the world*

We will focus on exploring our school and the school grounds. We will use Handa's Surprise to explore what Africa might be like. We will learn about Guy Fawkes and why Bonfire Night is celebrated. We will learn all about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We will explore seasonal changes by looking carefully at how the world around us changes in Autumn and Winter.



## *Expressive arts and design*

Through our provision the children will be able to explore their own creativity. We will spend lots of time exploring colour and materials by creating our own colour jars, self portraits and african themed artwork. We will learn new songs (especially in the lead upto Christmas!) as well as singing lots of familiar ones.