

Reception: Term 1

In Reception all areas of learning are taught and tracked using the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Profile. Children learn through small teacher-led activities and through play and exploration.

This term, our topic is Charlie and Lola. Using the Charlie and Lola story books, we will explore subjects relating to starting school, staying healthy, outings and birthdays.



Literacy

In the EYFS, literacy covers reading and writing. We teach daily phonics to the children, so that they become aware of the sound made by each individual letter and groups of letters (e.g. 'ai'). Children will bring home daily sheets showing what sound they have learnt that day. Any reinforcement at home, both verbally and through practising forming the letter, will be very useful in helping your child progress. Reading books will begin to be sent home once your child is beginning to become familiar with some letters.

Handwriting

Strength to grip the pencil is developed through daily fine motor skill activities. Formation of the letters is taught in phonics lessons, when a particular sound is being learnt.

Handwriting is taught using the cursive style (with the 'whoosh' in and out), to prepare children for joining their letters in year 1.

Mathematics

Mathematical understanding is learnt through daily teacher directed activities and independent learning time. This term we will be focusing on counting objects, being able to count in sequence and recognising numerals. Any opportunities out of school to count objects and actions, and to recognise numbers and maths in the environment, would be really useful in aiding your child's development.

Other areas of learning

Through our Charlie and Lola topic, we will explore creative activities including finger painting, painting, collage, singing and cooking. We will use the Charlie and Lola book "*I've won...no I've won*" to focus on sharing and turn-taking. Children will be able to access Charlie and Lola games, resources and maths activities on our computers.

Children will take part in physical activities through weekly PE lessons and daily gross motor skill development activities during children's independent learning time.