



*One Community, Growing and Learning Together*

## Reception Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 1

Welcome to the 2025/2026 academic year and the first step on your child's Reception journey. We have lots of exciting curriculum learning planned for this half-term and greatly value your support as a parent/ carer. We would like to share our curriculum coverage for this half-term.

**Communication & Language** – This half term we will be working on our speaking and listening. We will be talking about ourselves, our family and what makes us special and unique. We will be developing our listening skills through class discussion.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development** – We will be working on becoming more independent with self-care e.g. handwashing, toileting, and with our coats and belongings. We will also be working on friendships and making new friends. We will talk about relationships and what makes a good friend.

**Physical Development** – In PD we will be learning about why it is important for our body and mind to exercise. We will be working on moving around our environment in different ways, whilst negotiating space safely. We will learn some action songs and use music for movement.

**Literacy** – We will begin learning the level 2 phonic sounds and concentrate on correctly forming the corresponding graphemes. We will work on discriminating the sounds (phonemes) that letters make and link the sounds to written letters (graphemes). We will also learn how to recognise and write first names.

**Maths** – We will learn, and practise, counting aloud, counting physical objects and objects around our environment. We will be developing accuracy when counting groups of objects up to 10. We will learn to talk about our thinking when tackling mathematical investigations.

**Understanding the World** – This half term we will be focusing on ourselves and our family. We will be learning the names for the different parts of our body and looking at how we are special and unique! We will talk about members of our family and observe how our bodies change as we grow.

**Expressive Art & Design** – Children will be using a range of different media such as, pencil, graphite, paint and collage to create their own self-portraits.

### Reminders

- Reception children benefit greatly from reading every day at home. Ten minutes a night can have a significant impact on the development of your child in reading. Please can you ensure that you sign and comment in your child's yellow reading record each time you have read with them. Feedback is greatly important for the teacher and children also receive Reading Raffle stamps for every adult signature in their Reading Record.
- Homework will be handed out each week for children to complete.
- PE kit is to be left in school and will be returned for washing on the last day of each half term.

### Our Commando Joe Character Values

