



Curriculum Newsletter



**Mrs Thompson-Yates & Mrs Yarranton
RTY**

**Reception
Autumn 1 2022**

**Mrs Mercer
RM**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will focus on cooperation, expressing feelings and understanding the feelings of others, resolving conflict and begin to build friendships through stories, circle times, support in play and activities.

Stories we will read

The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas
The Colour Monster Goes to School by Anna Llenas
Peace At Last by Jill Murphy
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Mathematics

We will explore patterns, matching and counting. We will compare size and length. We will sort objects and compare amounts using more and less.

Find our [Key Instant Recall Facts here](#).

Physical Development

We will practise our balancing and climbing skills through use of the trim trail. We will learn simple games skills with our P.E. coach, Mr Veness. We will develop our small motor skills to help us use tools to write and create. We will practise using [scissors](#) and take part in 'Squiggle' (a writing development program) - we dance and make marks.

Our Topic:

All About Me

Communication and Language

We will be building our vocabulary and understanding of words through 'STAR' words linked to our weekly story. We will encourage the children to listen to stories and retell them in their own play.

Understanding the World

We will explore the world around us, including the school grounds and the local area. We will look at the changes that happen in autumn and think about animals that hibernate.

Expressive Arts and Design

We are focusing on faces for art, using play dough, paint, shapes and 'loose parts' (things like conkers, beads, pegs etc) to create the features. This area of learning also includes role play and music. We are very lucky to have Mrs Rowell from Middle School to enjoy music with us.

Literacy

We will begin our 'Rocket Phonics' this half term with the sounds s,a,t,i,p,n,m,d. We teach children how to recognise the letters (code) and how to blend the sounds to read (d/o/g=dog) and segment the sounds to spell (dog=d/o/g).



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Home Learning - These are activity ideas you can enjoy at home together. We share the children's projects in class

All About Me!

Send us some photos of things you like to do at home or things that are special to you. We want to know what makes you tick!

Fun Phonics

[Tricky Words Games](#)

[Initial Sounds Games](#)

[Read and Blend Game](#) - begin with set 1. As your child learns more sounds, you can try the harder ones. We will let you know which sounds we learn each week.

Library

Visit the library at Catshill Middle School. So many wonderful books to share. You can get a library card if you haven't got one already and take books home to read together.

Please share your home learning and as well as new experiences on **Tapestry** so your child can share this at school with their teachers and friends.

What are you proud of?

Share your wow moments on Tapestry. Have you learned to recognise your name? Made a model that you want to show? Let us see and share with your classmates.

Magic Maths

We follow White Rose maths scheme which offers home learning. To lock in your learning at home you can click the link and follow the home learning for ['Just Like Me!'](#)

Family Portrait

Can you draw or paint a picture of your family? We love to see your artwork at school.

Reminders

Key Dates

Monday 10th October - Harvest Assembly (children only. Please send food items to donate)
Thursday 20th October - Last day of term
Friday 21st October - INSET day (school closed)

P.E. and Forest Sessions

P.E. day for RTY & RM- Wednesdays
Forest Session RTY - Fridays
Forest Session RM - Thursdays

Reading Books

We will send bedtime books to share on Fridays. Please bring them back to swap each week. The children will start bringing home reading books and diaries after half term.