

# **Ourselves**

Meet the Team.

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Reception 2025





Our focus books will be 'The Colour Monster' and 'Cleversticks'.

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Reception children will be settling into the new routine of the school day. We will be focusing on building positive relationships with their friends and the school adults by sharing taking turns, listening to each other and speaking kindly. Children will be encouraged to talk and understand their emotions.

#### Physical Development

The children will be learning how to use the climbing and balancing equipment and the outdoor space safely. Children will learn how to hold a pen effectively and other tools such as scissors.

#### Communication & Language

Children will listen to stories and discussing language. They will be encouraged to share ideas and make relevant comments. Children



will listen and respond to simple instructions. The children will be encouraged to talk about familiar experiences, families and their feelings. We will be learning about the zones of regulation and talking about strategies we can use to help us manage our feelings.

## Literacy

We will be reading 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas and 'Cleversticks' by Bernard Ashely. Children will learn to listen attentively to the story and talk about the main characters and events. Once the children are settled, formal phonic teaching will start. Prior to this, we will focus on listening to initial sounds in words and oral blending, e.g. c-a-t—sounds out cat.

#### Maths

We will be singing number songs and rhymes. We will also be exploring numbers and quantity through play. For example, putting candles on a playdough cake or counting how many bricks in the tower. We will be looking at numbers in the environment and will be learning to count 1 object at a time. We will have a focus on matching and sorting everyday objects in different ways.

## Understanding the World

The children will have the opportunity to talk about the people who are close to them. They will be speaking about experiences from home and special times in their lives. The children will be encouraged to talk about their immediate environment —e.g. what they see on the way to school.

## Expressive Arts & Design

The children will have the opportunity to explore and experiment with various different media. They also have a range of different construction. They will be encouraged to think about what they want to create and carefully select resources. We will be drawing

pictures of ourselves and our families.

