

In the Foundation Stage there are 7 Areas of Learning. There are 3 prime areas, which are: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development. Then there are 4 specific areas, which are: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Each term we will send home an overview of our topic and what we will be covering in each of these areas.



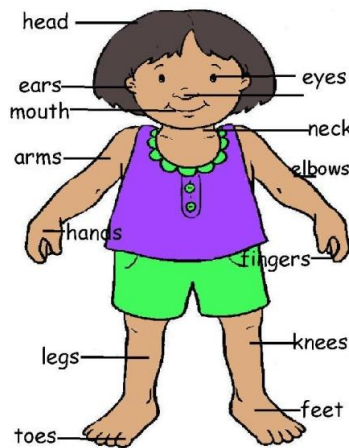
### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As a new class, we will begin the term by getting to know each other, taking part in activities that will teach us about what we all like and dislike. We will be learning about the routines in school and expectations for behaviour. Through circle time we will talk about our own feelings and how we can make sure we think carefully about the feelings of others.

### Understanding of the World

Through our topic, we will be looking at the differences between us, naming body parts and exploring our senses. As part of our sensory awareness, the children will be using cookery sessions to explore, textures, tastes and smells of food.

We will be talking about good behaviour, school rules and what is wrong and right and treating everybody with respect. On Tuesdays we will be venturing down to Forest School! We will explore the natural world as the seasons change. A list of clothing and equipment will be sent home.



### Communication and Language

Using our 2 role play areas: The Home Corner and mini classroom, the children will practise using language in different contexts. They will soon have opportunities to share news about their weekend activities and they will be able to practise their listening skills.

## All About Me!

### Literacy

At school we use a Literacy scheme called Read, Write, Inc. In this first term, we will be introducing the children to sounds and letters. We will send home 5 sound cards home to you in an envelope each week, so that you know which sounds we have covered in school and you can practise them at home with your child.

### Mathematics

In Maths we will begin the term by looking at matching and sorting by patterns, colours and shapes. We will also be playing games such as 'Odd one out' and 'Guess my rule'. In addition to this, we shall be comparing amounts using size and capacity.

### Physical Development

The children have opportunities to take part in physical activities everyday through our outdoor area. They will also be participating in PE lessons each Thursday. As the weather is a little unpredictable, please dress the children each week according to the weather – leggings or tracksuit bottoms for example on cold days. To help develop fine motor skills, the children will be exploring, working with different tools: scissors, glues and paintbrushes.



### Expressive Arts and Design

There will be art activities taking place in the classroom every week. The classroom has its own 'Making Area', where children have open access to a wide range of materials and tools to build their own creations!

Singing songs and rhymes will be part of our daily routine and we will make sure to play our instruments in the classroom!