



Northenden Community School

Curriculum Information for Parents



Class Reception (Mrs Singh and Mrs Bowpitt)

Term Autumn 2025 (8 weeks)

Theme My Family is Special

THE BIG IDEA

A great big welcome to all our families as we begin an exciting year in Reception. Our indoor and outdoor areas are ready for your children to explore, play and learn in a sensory and stimulating environment. We value curiosity and creativity, and look forward to hearing all about the children's fascinations and ideas for play. Throughout the year we will be focusing on kindness, language and helping one another as we build new friendships together. Our first topic is about families, where we speak about our own families, and learn about different families around the world. If any parents/grandparents felt comfortable sharing family photos and speaking to the class, please let us know. It is always lovely having visitors to

In **READING** lessons, the children will ...



- read lots of great books at story time, talking about favourite characters and stories
- start learning to read by building CVC words, such as d-o-g and c-a-t.
- act out favourite stories using puppets and songs

In **WRITING** lessons, the children will ...



- have a go at writing simple words on stories and pictures
- form letters using correctly eg. Curly Caterpillar Letter (c,a,d,g,e) go the same way round and Long Ladder Letters all start from the top then go down like a l
- have a go at drawing characters and settings from stories

In **MATHEMATICS** lessons, the children will



- play games counting sets to 5 and match to the correct digit.
- subitising sets to 3,4 then 5 to know the amount on sight using speedy fingers
- play shop and count the correct amount of pennies for their shopping
- experiment with patterns and sorting activities

In all lessons, the children will

- play and explore in our indoor and outdoor provision
- be encouraged to play with different people and try new things.



In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will ...

- build friendships and care about one another.
- develop good social skills by playing with different children and listening to their ideas.



In Communication and Language we will ...

- have a 'talk buddy' during group time so that we can share our ideas and thinking.
- answer questions and explain our ideas and our thinking to others.

In Physical Development we will ...

- strengthen our fine motor skills using chalk, dough and weaving
- practise using scissors and glue.



In Understanding of the World we will ...

- read stories of families around the world.
- research topics/questions and find out facts about the world.



In Expressive Arts and Design we will ...

- invent stories using castles, pirates and small world figures.
- dress up and play imaginary games
- experiment with paint, pastels and dough



In MUSIC we will ...

- make a play list of the children's favourite songs
- listen, dance and play along to various kinds of music putting into words how it makes us feel.



In RELIGIOUS EDUCATION we will ...

- learn about different multi-cultural places of worship.
- share and discuss the cultural values and beliefs of the families in our class.

**PE lessons will take place on THURSDAYs (beginning 18th September)
On Thursdays please come to school in PE kit ...**



- play ball games learning to throw, catch and kick
- learn to balance, jump and travel in different ways
- play running games with our friends

OTHER INFORMATION



- Please provide wellies and a raincoat for wet play
- Monday is reading book day. There will be a reading video on Tapestry so that you can best support your child at home.
- Friday is homework and our day for visiting the school library.



YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- writing letters can be really tricky for children so practising in fun ways, like using bath crayons and chalk can really help boost confidence
- reading with your child every day to read CVC words, such as c-a-t
- sharing a bedtime story together instead of screen time makes a huge difference