



Northenden Community School

Curriculum Information for Parents



Class **Nursery (Mrs Allen and Mrs Whittle)**

Term **Autumn 2025 (8 weeks)**

Theme **This is Me**

THE BIG IDEA

A warm welcome to all our Nursery families! We are so excited to begin this special journey with you and your children as they start their time at school. Our Nursery is full of inviting spaces indoors and outdoors, ready for your children to explore, play and discover through hands-on sensory experiences. In these first few weeks, we will focus on helping the children settle happily into school. We will be getting to know daily routines, building confidence and supporting the children as they begin to form friendships and feel secure in their new environment. Our first topic is 'This is Me', where we will be learning all about ourselves, our families and the wonderful things that make each of us unique.

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



- read lots of great books at story time, and begin to remember key characters and events.
- begin to join in with retelling stories using actions and props.
- begin to recognise their name.

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



- make marks on pictures and talk about what they mean.
- explore mark making using pencils, crayons, chalks and paint.
- begin to understand that marks can represent words or ideas.

In **MATHEMATICS** lessons, the children will



- join in with number songs and rhymes, counting objects as we go.
- play games sorting and comparing groups of objects.
- copy and create simple patterns (ABAB)
- explore shape and talk about them using words like round, pointy, big, small.

In all lessons, the children will

- play and explore in our indoor and outdoor provision.
- be encouraged to try lots of different activities and play with new friends.



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

- start to build friendships with one another and share resources.
- learn daily routines and build confidence in Nursery.
- talk about simple feeling such as happy and sad.



In **Communication and Language** we will ...

- listen carefully to stories, songs and rhymes and begin to remember key characters and events.
- talk about themselves, their body and what they did during a special activity like an autumn walk.
- Follow instructions and begin to answer simple questions.

In **Physical Development** we will ...

- develop our gross motor skills by practicing walking, running, climbing and balancing.
- Develop our fine motor skills through a variety of fun activities such as dough disco; rolling, patting, squeezing to strengthen our hands and fingers.



In **Understanding of the World** we will ...

- talk about ourselves and our families and what makes us unique.
- explore nature and learn how we are similar and different to each other.



In **Expressive Arts and Design** we will ...

- explore making marks through painting, printing, drawing and chalking.
- dress up and play imaginary games.
- begin to create simple stories using small world figures and resources.



In **MUSIC** we will ...

- listen carefully to different sounds and begin to explore body percussion.
- Sing and dance to simple rhymes and songs.
- Explore musical instruments by banging, tapping and shaking.



In **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** we will ...

- celebrate what makes us unique.
- share stories linked to our topic 'This is Me' and our feelings.



INFORMATION ...

- Please provide wellies and a raincoat for wet play and ensure that children bring their coat every day, even when it is not raining.
- Friday is our day for visiting the school library.



YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- Reading with your child every day, asking them questions which develops their understanding of what is being read.
- Drawing and painting with your child to develop their confidence.
- Help your child develop their independence in putting on/taking off their coat and shoes.