



# Northenden Community School

## Curriculum Information for Parents



**Class** Reception (Mrs Singh and Mrs Bowpitt)

**Term** Spring 2026

**Theme** Exploring Winter

### THE BIG IDEA

This term, the children will be learning all about the seasons, with a special focus on winter and ice. We will be thinking about how the world changes in colder weather and how people, animals and nature adapt. Indoors, we will be creating winter artwork using cold colours, chalks and oil pastels. Our library is stocked up with all our favourite winter stories, and in music we will be dancing to "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi. Outdoors, we will be experimenting with ice by making a frozen dinosaur kingdom. We will be looking at different ways to make and melt ice and looking at ice sculptures. Reception are also really excited to be preparing for their class assembly, where we will be bringing our favourite fairy tales to life.

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



- spend time in the class and school library sharing favourite stories
- gain fluency reading simple words and sentences independently
- blend Phase 3 words using diagraphs (ch,sh,th,ng,nk)

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



- have a go at writing sentences using tricky words (I go to the he she they)
- practise handwriting 'around' and 'down' letter correctly
- create stories using who, where, problem, solution scaffolds

#### In **MATHEMATICS** lessons, the children will



- play games counting sets to 10 and match to the correct digit.
- subitising sets to 6 knowing the amount on sight
- add and take away using numbers to 6
- experiment with patterns and sorting activities using 3D shapes

#### 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 ...

- show kindness and take turns during play and activities
- develop good social skills by playing with different children and listening to their ideas.



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

- use full sentences to explain ideas and opinions
- answer questions and explain our ideas and our thinking to others.

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

- develop control and coordination through movement and outdoor play
- use pens, scissors and mark making tools with increasing accuracy.



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

- learn about seasonal changes
- make observations about the world around us.



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

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



### In **MUSIC** we will ...

- explore rhythm and sound
- listen, dance and play along to different types of music



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

- listen and talk about stories from different religions
- share and discuss the cultural values and beliefs of the families in our class.

## **PE lessons will take place on THURSDAYs (beginning 18<sup>th</sup> 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**



- Home learning will be shared on Fridays in the green book
- Reading books are changed on Fridays. Thank you for all the feedback in your reading records. The children are doing so well.
- Friday is also our day for visiting the school library.



### **YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...**

- practising the sounds and 'tricky' words of the week. This really does help support your child's reading.
- practise reading each night for 10 minutes
- sharing a bedtime story together instead of screen time is proven to have a huge impact on your child's wellbeing.