



# Northenden Community School

## Curriculum Information for Parents



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

**Term** Summer 2 2026

**Theme** Animals Around the World

### THE BIG IDEA

This term, we are going on a globe-trotting adventure to discover amazing animals across the world. We will be learning about animals from freezing cold lands, the deep jungle to hot sandy deserts. We will explore where these animals live and what they need to survive.

Some of our activities will include: making a world map of animals, building indoor and outdoor animal kingdoms using natural resources, in our outdoor area, learning about conservation and ways we can help, caring for our Bug Hotel and Bee Garden and making scrapbooks full of fascinating animal facts.

We will also be reading lots of animal adventure stories from different cultures and using these for ideas for storytelling of our own.

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



- read lots of stories, such as 'Bringing the Rain to Kapati Plain' and non-fiction books to develop essential language comprehension and understanding
- practise reading skills daily, focusing on both the speedy blending, tricky word recognition and decoding unfamiliar words

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



- Write a sentence independently using knowledge of phonics and 'tricky' words
- form letters correctly using a neat, fluent handwriting style
- read their writing checking for finger spaces, spellings, handwriting and full stops

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



- play games counting sets to 20 and match to the correct digit.
- add and take away to 10
- know number bonds to 10 automatically
- know to tell the time to o'clock

### 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 ...

- answer questions in full sentences showing understanding
- engage in discussions using an increasing vocabulary informed from books and topics

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

- strengthen our fine motor skills through regular handwriting lessons
- practise using scissors and glue.



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

- collect facts from research about animals from around the world.
- research topics/questions and find out facts about the world.



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

- observe and sketch animals with increasing detail
- explore how to use light and dark through shading
- experiment with different marks to represent texture, such as, fur



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

- learn and perform songs from around the world
- perform simple dances and actions linked to songs



### 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 WEDNESDAYS**



- build locomotor, stability and coordination skills
- learn to balance, jump and travel in different ways
- play team games with our friends

## **OTHER INFORMATION**



- Please provide a rain coat every day in case of showers
- Learning to read is key to your child's education. Parents are expected to read each night with their child
- Friday is homework and our day for visiting the school library.



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

- writing a sentence can be hard but making scrapbooks of memories or writing stories together can be fun ways to support your child
- sharing a bedtime story together instead of screen time is scientifically proven to improve your child's well being
- contacting Family Hub or Early Help if you have any concerns or need help