



Northenden Community School

Curriculum Information for Parents



Class Nursery (Mrs Allen)

Term Autumn 2026 (8 weeks)

Theme This is Me

THE BIG IDEA

A warm welcome to all our Nursery families! We are so excited to welcome our new children and families to our school, as well as welcoming back children from our Rising Threes group who are continuing their Nursery journey with us. Our Nursery is full of inviting spaces, indoors and outdoors, where children can explore, play and discover through hands-on experiences.

In these first few weeks, we will focus on settling happily into Nursery, learning our daily routines, building confidence and forming new friendships.

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 such as 'Happy to Be Me' and 'Monkey and Me'.
- begin to join in with 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.
- 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 begin to build confidence.
- 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 join in using actions.
- talk about themselves, their body and what they did during a special activity like an autumn walk.
- 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.

OTHER 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.