



Northenden Community School

Curriculum Information for Parents



Class Reception (Mrs Singh)

Term Autumn 1 2026

Theme We Are All Special

THE BIG IDEA

This term, we are going to be enjoying getting to know our new reception class and watching them explore their new indoor and outdoor play areas. We will be playing lots of games like “Would You Rather..?” and “Guess Who?”, learning some new class songs, and reading lots of books about making friends. Books “The Colour Monster” will help us to name our feelings and understand what makes us feel happy and confident. In our indoor and outdoor play areas the children will have access to small world figures, castles, pirate ships and rocket ships, animal and dinosaur kingdoms, a drawing table, cosy corner, library, construction, climbing, sports, riverside, sand pit, bug hotel and nature garden. There is so much to choose from and play so our children can be active and excited to learn.

In READING lessons, the children will ...



- read along with lots of favourite stories using songs and actions. This really helps build children’s language and memory recall
- practise blending simple words such as c-a-t, m-a-t, r-a-t as the first steps in learning to read

In WRITING lessons, the children will ...



- remember how to write their name using a tripod grip
- form around letters (c o a d g). It is really important that all these letters start with the c shape, always starting at the top. Bad habits are really hard to undo so it’s important we slow down and get it right at the very beginning
- draw fabulous pictures for home to give to our families

In MATHEMATICS lessons, the children will



- play games with 5 counters to get super speedy and confident
- reading lots of number books, like “How Many Legs?”
- sorting objects and making collections with our giant outdoor number line
- understand their day using a visual timetable (Now, next, morning, afternoon)

In all lessons, the children will

- play and explore in our indoor and outdoor provision
- be encouraged to play with different people and be kind



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

- build friendships and care about one another.
- develop good social skills by understanding everyone is different and everyone is special



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

- talk about our likes and interests
- join in with stories and songs using words and actions

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 ...

- look at families around the world and all the different languages they speak
- use the world map to find out where these places are and what they are like



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

- pretend play
- join in with "Drawing Club"
- explore 3D shape using play dough and tools



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 this does not include stories on screens
- Friday is homework and our day for visiting the school library.



YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- drawing and making cards together can be a really fun way to support your child as learning to write is really hard for young children.
- sharing a bedtime story together instead of screen time as it is proven to have the most impact on how well your child does at school
- contacting Family Hub or Early Help if you have any concerns or need help