



Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

We are a 'light in the darkness', living life to the full, worshipping and working so that everyone may flourish and achieve their God-given potential



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Staff Team	Mrs Hitch – Monday & Tuesday Mrs Satchell – Wednesday - Friday Class TA – Mrs Grout	Class	Shell Class
Term	1		

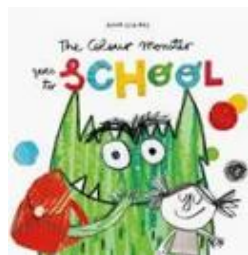


Welcome to Term 1 – This term our topic is 'This is me!'

We have been so impressed with how the children have settled back into school life and have loved hearing all about their summer holidays. A very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families, we look forward to getting to know you more over the coming weeks.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning this term. Some of our learning will happen as a whole class, other times we will split into Reception and Year One groups. We are very lucky to have two classrooms to use this year, plus a newly renovated outside area, which we have already had lots of fun exploring!

Key Texts: Here are the key texts we will be exploring this term linked to our class topic. We will use these texts to enhance our literacy learning, plus other areas of the curriculum such as Science, Understanding the World (Geography) and Art.



Phonics -

Phonics will be taught daily using the **Little Wandle** Phonics scheme. All children will also take part in three Little Wandle group reading sessions. During these sessions, the children will have the opportunity to read a book matched to their phonic knowledge. On a Thursday, these books will come home for you to enjoy reading together.





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Reception: What we are learning this term -

Reception Autumn 1

	Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	s a t p	
Week 2	i n m d	
Week 3	g o c k	is
Week 4	ck e u r	I
Week 5	h b f l	the

Year 1: What we are learning this term -

Year 1 Autumn 1

	Phase 3/4 review + 4 Phase 5 GPCs	Review tricky words
Week 1	review Phase 3 GPCs ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur oo ow oi ear	Phases 2-4: the put* pull* full* push* to into I no go of he she we me be was you they all are my by sure pure said have like so do some come love were there little one when out what says here today
Week 2	air er /z/ s -es words with two or more digraphs e.g. queen thicker	
Week 3	Phase 4: CVCC CCVC CCVCC CCCVC Phase 4 with long vowels	
Week 4	Phase 5 /ai/ ay play /ow/ ou cloud /oi/ oy toy /eel/ ea each	
Week 5	review longer words	

Reception Learning:

- Maths – In Maths we will be looking at counting reliably to 10 and recognising and naming numerals 0-5. To support us with this we will be using resources such as counting bears, Numicon and autumnal objects such as leaves and conkers.
- We will also begin to look at naming 2D shapes such as circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.

Year 1 Learning:

- Maths – In Maths we begin by looking at place value. We will explore how objects can be sorted in different ways and how we can represent numbers using a tens frame. We will also focus on counting forwards and backwards to 10 and beyond and finding one more and one less.



- Science/Understanding the World** – In Science we will be exploring seasonal change, specifically the season of Autumn. We will explore some of the key changes we see in the Autumn time as well as learning about hibernation.
- RE** – Our key question this term is what do Christians believe God is like? We will be learning what a parable is and exploring the story of The Lost Son. Linked to this story, we will also be exploring the theme of forgiveness.
- PE** – PE sessions will take place every **Wednesday and Friday**. Please come to school in full PE kit with suitable trainers. We will be using the hall and playground for indoor and outdoor sessions. Please ensure all long hair is tied up and that any jewellery (earrings) are removed before coming to school.



Independence



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Homework:

Every Thursday, the children will bring home their Little Wandle reading books. Please ensure that these books are kept safely in your child's reading folder alongside their reading record book. **Please ensure you read at least 5 times a week with your child and record that you have read in your child's reading record book.** Children who read 5 times a week at home will be entered into the reading raffle, and will get an extra 10 mins of play on a Friday. Reading folders should come into school every day.

**Reception children will receive their books once their reading groups have been established in a few weeks time.*



Ways you can support at home:

Little Wandle Phonics: Here is a link to the parent page of Little Wandle Phonics. On here you will find how to pronounce the different phonic sounds with short video clips, plus an overview of what your child will be learning each term. [For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Christian Value

This term, the whole-school value we are focusing on is Love. Through our learning and collective worship, we will encourage children to show love through kindness, respect and care for others.

Value Awards are presented at the end of each term to celebrate children who have demonstrated the focus value in their daily lives. Please see our Termly Values Flyer for more information.

