



Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

Reception



Literacy

Reading

At Alder Coppice we use the 'Little Wandle' Phonics scheme to teach our children their letter sounds and early reading skills. We will be sending your child home with a home/school Phonics task book in which we will put the letter sounds we are working on and any tricky words we need your child to learn. We would really appreciate your support with this. **We ask that children complete their home activity in pencil.** We are also introducing your child to small group reading sessions. These will take place 3 times a week after which your child will bring that book home to you.

We will be:

- *Blending sounds into words.
- *Reading our Reception tricky words.
- *Reading simple phrases and sentences.
- *Demonstrating an understanding of what has been read to us by retelling stories.

Writing

We do a lot of pencil activities in Reception which help develop children's pencil control and grip. Handwriting is taught through our Phonics programme and we will learn how to write each lower-case letter making sure it is formed correctly

We will be:

- *Writing our names.
- *Forming lower-case and capital letters correctly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus this term is to settle our children happily into their new environment. We aim to build their independence and confidence and build strong positive relationships with all adults and other children.

We will be:

- *Building constructive and respectful relationships.
- *Expressing our feelings and considering the feelings of others.
- *Managing our own needs.

Curriculum Focus

This newsletter will give you information on all of the learning planned across the curriculum for this term.

Our learning in Reception is led by the children and their interests. Our first planned project this term is called '**Magical Me!**' The children will be talking about what makes them special and unique. We are then moving on to explore different celebrations and our wider world in our project '**Magical Me and my World!**'. We explore our local community and our place in the big wide world and will be celebrating Diwali and have some exciting things planned. A very exciting and busy term ahead!

Communication and Language

This is a vital element of our curriculum. Reception is a language driven learning space and we constantly encourage and develop our children's use of language and the skills they need to be a confident communicator.

We will be:

- *Listening carefully and able to understand why listening is important.
- *Articulate our ideas and thoughts in a well-formed sentence.
- *Learn rhymes, poems and songs.

Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills

Our gross motor skills are developed daily in our great outdoor learning area.

We will be:

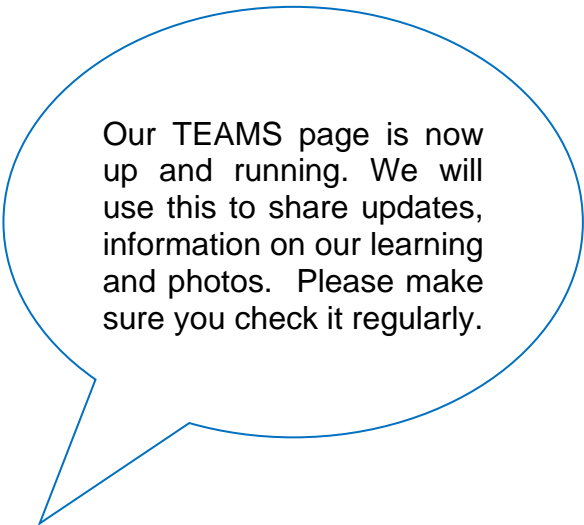
- *Developing our overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.
- *Using a range of large and small apparatus alone and in a group.
- *Developing ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting and aiming.
- *Combining different movements with ease and fluency.

Fine Motor Skills

Our fine motor skills are developed this term with access to lots of great activities such as Write Dance, threading, pegs, playdough, tweezers and lots more.

We will be:

- *Developing our small motor skills so that we can use a range of tools confidently – pencils, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.
- *Developing the foundations of a handwriting style.



Our TEAMS page is now up and running. We will use this to share updates, information on our learning and photos. Please make sure you check it regularly.

Maths

This term the children will do daily 20-minute sessions. The children will learn together in Learning Partners exploring lots of different areas of Maths.

We will be:

- *Exploring the concepts of shape, pattern, length, size and capacity
- *Subitising (recognise quantities without counting)
- * Comparing sets and developing a deeper understanding of numbers to 10.
- *Understanding the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers.

We place a big emphasis on the language of Maths, always encouraging the children to explain their thinking.

We are inviting you to a Maths information session with our Maths Subject Leader Mrs Podmore on Wednesday 22 October at 2pm, so look out for the invitation.

Expressive Arts and Design

This area of learning fosters and develops our children's creative development.

We will be:

- *Listen attentively, moving to and talking about music.
- *Exploring, using and refining a variety of artistic effects to express our ideas and feelings.
- *Developing storylines in our play.

Understanding the World

Our projects this term will be heavily driven by this area of learning.

We will be:

- *Exploring the natural world around us.
- *Name and describe people who are familiar to us.
- *Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Home Support

We are grateful for any support you can give us at home. It really does make a big difference.

*It would be really helpful if you could practice putting coats, jumpers and cardigans on and off.

*Once our phonics and reading groups are up and running your child will bring home a reading book to share at home. This book can be shared lots of time then must be returned on a Monday. We are running a Phonics workshop for parents that will give lots more information about this on Monday 22 September at 3.20pm.

Thank you for your continued support.