

Autumn Term 1 - Reception Topic Overview 2026 - 2027

Me & My Family & Autumn



We have a fun packed start to our Reception year! We will begin the year by talking about ourselves and our families, exploring similarities and difference through discussions and stories. We will study the changing weather and seasons with a particular focus on autumn, as it approaches, and focus upon hibernating animals and harvest. We will also take part in whole school Space Week which will kick start our main terms topic on Space.

Understanding the world

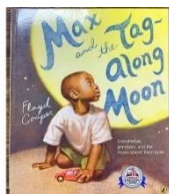
As **explorers** the children will be encouraged to record the weather daily and within this they will observe and discuss the changing seasons as we approach autumn. We will focus on hibernating animals and the Harvest Festival. Space week will kick start our exploration of space. We will explore our planet earth and the other planets within our solar system alongside linked fictional texts.

Mathematics

As **mathematicians** the children will initially be exploring the provision available within the classroom and continuing to sing a variety of number rhymes within teaching inputs. Children will then begin to explore concepts of matching, sorting, comparing and pattern making and spotting. They will also explore the composition of numbers 1, 2 and 3 in detail.

Expressive Art & Design

As **creators and musicians**, the children will be encouraged to explore the classroom and create within a variety of areas of play. In Space Week children will be encouraged to build a rocket and within our exploration of Autumn they will make Pumpkin Soup!



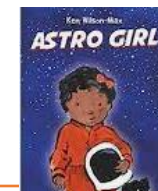
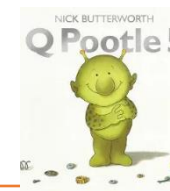
Literacy

As **readers and writers**, the children will begin their phonics journey in Reception as a whole class and they will be introduced to single letter sounds and begin to blend and segment with them.



Communication & Language

As **communicators** the children will be enjoying frequent story times when we will explore lots of aspects of the stories in detail, including the characters, settings, feelings and meaning of vocabulary. There will also be lots of opportunities to talk about and listen within our topics around ourselves and our family, Autumn and Space!



Personal, Social & Emotional

As **friends and community members** the children will enjoy exploring their new classrooms and making new friends. We will compose our class rules together and look at the Wheatlands Promise.

Physical Development

As **movers and shakers**, the children will be exploring themselves, their family and discussing similarities and difference with others. They will draw pictures of themselves, exploring details. Children will take part in yoga sessions each week.

