

# EYFS NEWS

## Let's Explore!

Dear Parent and Carers,  
Welcome to the Foundation Stage! We hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and are ready to start school.

Our topic this half term is all about exploring our immediate environment and our local community.

### Literacy

This term we will be learning and reciting a range of nursery rhymes. We will be bringing the rhymes to life using props and puppets to sing them together as a whole class and to be used in provision.

Reception will be following the scheme 'Read into Writing' to explore the story 'Think Big' by Kes Gray. We will be investigating Humpty Dumpty's 'accident' off the wall and producing our first pieces of writing about it.

### Maths -

In maths, Nursery are following a new scheme this year called 'Master the Curriculum'. This term the children will be developing their skills of matching and sorting a range of colours and objects in hands on activities. The children will use nursery rhymes to begin to introduce numbers and counting. Reception will be using the 'Master the Curriculum' scheme to practice the skill of subitising.

### Understanding the World

This term we are learning 'All about Me'. Throughout the weeks we will be exploring:

- Me and Myself
- My school environment
- Where I live and my house
- Where we live in the world
- Countries I could Visit

While learning about our immediate environment and our local community we will be learning the skills of reading and drawing maps, identifying different types of houses and locating where we live on a world map as well as other countries we could visit.

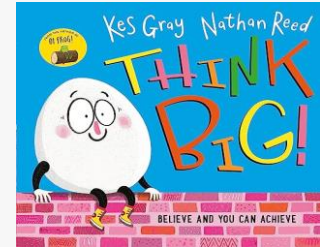
### Expressive Art and Design

We will be supporting our learning through creating art work which expresses ourselves. We will be drawing self portraits using a range of different media. The children will explore building and creating representations of where they live using natural materials and we will be exploring various artists like Andy Goldsworthy to learn about a specific skill type.



### Personal, Social and emotional Development

This term we will be thinking about how it feels to belong, how to recognise and manage our feelings and learn what it is like to be responsible, using the Jigsaw scheme.



Our read into writing text will be 'Think Big' by Kes Gray.

### PE

This half term the children will be learning how to find a space, freeze on command and work individually and in groups/teams practicing running, jumping, etc movements.

Nursery have P.E on **Thursdays**. Reception have P.E on **Thursdays and Fridays**. Please make sure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E kit or black/white trainers.

### Reading- Reception Children

We will hear your child read every week within class through 1:1 reading with the TA or Teacher. Your child will have a reading log book to take home for you to fill in when they have read at home. We ask that children read every night as we recognise the importance of reading.

### Phonics

We are so excited about continuing to use our phonics scheme 'First Class Phonics' as our approach to the teaching of Phonics – this term the children will be learning phase 1 & 2.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask.

*Mrs Kolstein, Miss May and Mrs Potter*