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## **Reception, Year 1 and 2 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – Autumn Term 2025 – First half**

Welcome back to School, we hope you all had an enjoyable summer. A reminder that Mrs Taylor teaches Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Burcher teaches on Friday morning. Mrs Cassidy is our teaching assistant on Monday and Mrs Broadley on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Czapowski and Mrs Cassidy share the support of children in our classroom.

Our topic this half term is 'Animals'. This half term the children will be looking at animals from around the world and understanding where in the world they live, why they live there, what they need to survive. In Science we will be looking at human and animal bodies There are more details below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

In Early Years the topic will be 'Marvellous Me' and the focus will be on seasonal changes in Autumn.

**Mrs Taylor and Mrs Burcher**

### **English Overview**

**Writing in Year 1 and 2** Our two units will be linked to Wolves. We will start with narrative writing linked to the book 'The way home for Wilf' then our information text will be linked to 'Wolves' and 'The ways of the Wolf'

**Reading in Year 1 and 2** We will be reading and discussing many books in relation to Wolves such as 'Walk with a Wolf' 'Peter and the Wolf' 'The last Wolf' 'Wolf in the Snow' 'The boy who cried Wolf' and of course some traditional tales with Wolves such as 'The three little pigs' 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

**Reading in Reception** The books covered in Reception will be the 'Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Monster goes to School' 'Pumpkin Soup' 'Families, families, families' 'Super hero Dad' 'Martha Maps it out'

**Spellings for Year 1 and 2** – Will be sent home on Monday and tested the following Monday. Please check your child's spelling book and practise as often as possible.

**Phonics** – All the children have phonics daily. Can Reception Parents check their reading bag for the latest letter in their home phonics book.

### **Reading Books and Guided Reading**

Each day, children get the opportunity to read and discuss books. We make sure every child is heard read every week and if possible twice weekly. Children should still be reading at home every day and if your child needs their reading books changing more frequently than once a week please let us know. Please **write in the reading journal**, if you hear them read or have a discussion about what they are reading.

**Please ensure your child brings their school reading journal with their book to school everyday.**

### **Maths Overview**

The half term the focus will be as follows-

**Reception** - Routines – days of the week, date, first, next, after, matching objects, sorting objects, comparing amounts, counting out loud, comparing size, mass and capacity, making simple patterns, Composition of 1,2,3, eepresenting and comparing 1,2,3.

**Year 1 and 2** – Number place and value, measurement, addition and subtraction, geometry 2d and 3d shapes.



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**Other Subjects:**

**Religious Education** – The Bible

**Science** – Animal and human bodies

**Computing** – On line Safety

**Design and Technology** –

**Art** – Self Portraits Painting and mixed media

**Music** – Charanga 'hands, feet, heart'

**Geography** – Where in the World am I

**Physical Education** – Gymnastics and Fundamental Skills

**PSHE** – Me and My Relationships

**PE-** Please ensure that that your child has a fully named PE kit that it is kept in a labelled bag - refer to the Parent Handbook for the correct uniform list. No earrings are to be worn on PE days. PE lessons this half term will take place on **Thursday and Friday**.

**Homework** – Occasionally we will send work home for your children to complete. Although the focus in Reception is practising your phonics and later in the year tricky words until they are embedded and listening to your child read daily. Year 1 and 2 also have weekly spellings and listening to your child read daily

**Forest School** - Mrs Cassidy plans the forest school in line with our topic weekly. Forest School takes place on Monday afternoon.

**Key Dates for your child's class:**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of September – Hodder Valley Show

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of September – Welly Walk

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of October – World Mental Health day – please wear yellow

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of October – Harvest Festival in St Andrews Church at 9 am

If there are any changes to your child's medical needs that we should be aware of, please get in touch with Mrs Mason. Likewise, If you have changed email addresses please make sure you have informed Mrs Mason in the office. An email will be sent to you every Friday to keep you updated with what has been happening in class each week. We look forward to getting to know your child and helping them on their journey through KS1

**The theme for worship this half term is:**

**Compassion**