

## English

This half term, the children will be learning to handle books correctly, recognise that print is read from left to right, and tell the difference between text and pictures. They will join in with stories, rhymes, and songs, recognise familiar words, and begin linking sounds to letters. We will be reading a range of texts, and our Talk for Writing focus will be *The Little Red Hen*. Our focus author this half term is Rachel Bright.



## Phonics

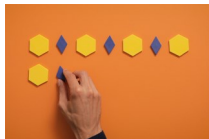


We will be following the Read, Write Inc scheme for phonics throughout the year. This half term will be introducing the individual letters and their sounds. The children will be learning to read, write and orally blend CVC words for example, M— A— T.



## Maths

This half term in maths, the children will practise counting and subitising within 3, explore how numbers are made of smaller parts, and focus on the composition of 3 and 4. They will compare groups using 'more than' and 'fewer than', and begin to compare size, mass, and capacity. Children will also explore, copy, and create simple patterns.



## Reception Class

Autumn 1

Topic: Me!



## Specific Areas

### Understanding the World

This half term, children will learn about themselves, their families, and their local community. They'll explore family trees, special achievements, and celebrate Black History Month. We'll also learn about the UK and observe the changing autumn season through nature walks. Children will develop their understanding of the five senses, body parts, and what makes them unique.

### Expressive Arts & Design

This half term, children will explore creative techniques such as drawing, painting, colour mixing, and working with playdough. They'll use different tools to make marks, practise guided drawing (including self-portraits), and experiment with joining and combining materials. Through construction and art, they'll develop control, imagination, and independence. We'll also explore the work of artist Hanoch Piven for inspiration.

## Prime Areas

### Communication and Language

This half term your child is going to be learning to be a confident communicator! They will be developing strong listening skills and learn to follow simple instructions, use short sentences, and understand and ask questions about what they hear. We will be sharing and enjoying stories, songs, and rhymes, and are learning to remember key events and join in with repeated phrases.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we'll be focusing on helping children build positive relationships with others, while also learning about honesty, empathy, and how to recognise and manage their emotions using the Zones of Regulation. We'll continue to support their growing independence through tasks like organising belongings, making choices during play, and managing personal care routines. Socially, children will practise turn-taking, sharing, and developing strong relationships with both adults and peers, all while building confidence and resilience through everyday experiences.

### Physical Development

This half term, we'll be developing children's physical skills by strengthening their core muscles for good posture, encouraging independence in dressing, and supporting safe movement around school. They'll take part in activities to improve coordination, balance, and rhythm, as well as develop fine motor skills through tool use and correct pencil grip in preparation for writing.

