

Mallard Class - Autumn Term 2026

thinking about the food we eat and where it comes from.

exploring changes in the seasons as they occur.

creating timelines of our life

exploring the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and creating our own fruit faces.

developing our skills on the ipads and laptops.

exploring what makes people special and holy

Our Topics form the basis of our learning across the curriculum and provide a starting point for our experiences.
This term our topics will be

Me and My World

and we will be...



exploring where we live and the people who make up our community.

naming parts of the body and exploring what they do, including our senses.

exploring our feelings and emotions

finding out about life when our grandparents were little

English

Reception will give meanings to the marks they make and begin to apply their phonics knowledge to their reading and writing.

Year 1 will continue to develop their independent writing skills, thinking of, writing and reading their own sentences.

We will explore a range of texts together including Titch, a Dress with Pockets and Funnybones

Maths

All children will undertake practical activities to support their developing understanding of number, place value and calculation skills. We will explore the properties of shape and measure the size of different objects.

Year 1 will become more confident recognising and ordering larger numbers, finding one more and one less, recalling number facts and comparing lengths, weights and capacities of different objects.

Other information

Year 1 children will have a spelling test each Friday. Spellings will be set on Seesaw. The first test will be on Friday 11th September

PE will be on a Monday this term. Please ensure that if your child wears earrings they are removed on these days. Year 1 please come to school in your PE kit on Mondays. Reception will initially get changed in school. Please ensure PE bags are in school for Mondays.

Reception children will begin bringing reading books home later this term. The accompanying reading record book is for use at both home and school and it is helpful if the reading record book is completed each time they read at home. Please keep the reading books in your child's book bag as we endeavour to hear them read as much as possible during the week. We try and change books twice a week, usually a Monday and a Thursday. Please hear your child read regularly at home.

Homework will be set every other Friday on Seesaw beginning on 11th September for Year 1. Reception homework will begin in a few weeks. I will send a message out to let you know when. Please submit it before the date set. If you have lost your Seesaw login please contact me for a new one.

The children will visit the school Library on a Monday. Books can be returned to school at any point during the week and kept safe until the following week.

We use our outside area to support all areas of the curriculum throughout the year. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for this. We encourage them to bring a coat everyday as the weather can turn quite quickly and these can be left on their pegs if it is not cold or wet. We would like all children in Mallard Class to have a pair of wellies that can be kept in school. Please ensure that these are named and are in a named bag.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named, including gloves, scarves and hats.

Advance notice - if your child does not have black pumps in their PE bag, they will need them for the nativity play in December.

Reception children will soon begin to bring home letter sheets. This is the letter sound we have been focusing on in class that day. They do not need to be returned to school, please use and refer to them at home.

I shall be the keyworker for all children in Reception, with Mrs Lyon acting as deputy keyworker. If you have any queries or questions at any time, no matter how small please contact either myself or Mrs Lyon before or after school or contact Mrs Parkinson in the office.

Buddy Tea Party

Parents/Grandparents/younger siblings of all children in Reception Class are invited to join us for a tea/coffee and biscuits on Friday 25th September at 2.15pm in the school hall. This will give you the opportunity to meet with parents of children in your child's class and to meet your child's buddy.

