

*Growing together*



*In faith and love*

# *Curriculum Newsletter*



**Term:** Advent 2025

**Class:** Miss Best/Mrs Deeley/Miss Dalton

**Year:** Reception

### *Personal, Social and Emotional Development*

Developing relationships.  
Class rules.  
Behavioural expectations within Reception.  
Self-care (Dressing and undressing independently).  
Managing feelings.  
Asking for help.  
Keeping healthy  
Celebrating differences  
Helping others  
Being kind

### *Communication and Language*

Engaging in story times.  
Following instructions and routines.  
Developing listening skills  
Social etiquettes  
Asking questions  
Talking about my favourite book  
Things which are special to me at Christmas

### *Maths*

We follow **White Rose Maths**.  
Circles and triangles  
Identifying and comparing circles and triangles  
Finding, subitising and representing 4 and 5  
Shapes with 4 sides  
Time – Day and night

### *Physical Development*

Develop a good pencil grip (tripod)  
Develop and refine fine motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination needed for writing.  
Correctly hold scissors and cut out simple shapes.  
Dress and undress self.  
Hold and use a knife, fork and spoon.  
Ball skills.  
Negotiating space.  
Peddle a tricycle/ scoot a scooter.  
Using fun-fitness equipment.  
Climb a ladder.

### *Expressive Arts and Design*

Manipulate clay for Christmas decorations.  
Using different materials to create a fireworks picture.  
Explore and choose colours for Remembrance Day crafts.  
Finger painting – Seasonal pictures  
Nativity play.  
Learning songs.  
Sing songs with actions.  
Using different materials to print and create.

### *Reading*

Listen and enjoy sharing and joining in with a wide range of stories, animations, songs and nursery rhymes.  
Continue to learn to read and write Set 1 sounds. We follow **Read, Write, Inc.**  
Show interest in illustrations and print.  
Handle books properly.  
Links sounds to letters.  
Begin to read words.  
Segment and blend CVC words using knowledge of sounds.  
Recognise and read Red Words: *put, my, I, the, of, to, go, he, she, no, we, you*

### *Understanding the World*

Understand why we celebrate Bonfire Night.  
Understand why we celebrate Remembrance Day.  
Talk about seasonal changes.  
Talk about how we celebrate Christmas and how it is celebrated in different ways around the world.  
Learn about multiple faiths – Diwali

### *R.E.*

Learn about:  
Mary being chosen by God to be Jesus' mother.  
Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem.  
Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger.  
Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas.  
The shepherds visited Jesus in the stable.  
Jesus came for the whole world.



## **Topic**

**The World Around Me!**

### *Writing*

Correct pencil grip and good pressure.  
Develop gross motor movements.  
Begin to form recognisable letters.  
Form letters of their own name correctly.  
Hear, say and write simple cvc words.