



Maple Class Reception Autumn Term 1 2026

Understanding the World: This term is all about celebrating what makes us unique and special, as we make sense of our new school environment. We will be thinking about what similarities and differences we may have with others and learning to respect those around us. We will also learn the names of different parts of the body and linking these to our senses. We will also be exploring our place in the world by looking at maps and globes. We will talk about villages, towns and cities and hopefully go on a short walk around Chesterton. We will also be exploring the season of Autumn and learning about the changes this season brings.

Literacy: This term, we will focus on stories that are familiar to us and those that link to our interests. We will discuss our favourite parts, the characters and the events. In Phonics, we will begin our Phase 2 journey and begin to recognise single letter sounds and blend these to read words. We will also practise the correct formation of letters. We will be learning what letters are in our name, the order of these and how to write them with increased independence. We will be enjoying stories with a repeated refrain such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Eat Your Peas'.

Religious Education:

We will explore the big question- 'Who am I and where do I belong?' We will think about the things that make us similar and different to our peers. We will explore the different groups we are part of, for example, Maple Class, sports groups and Music groups. We will discuss places that are special to us and link this to places that are special to different faiths.

PSED: We will start by learning the classroom rules and routines, and how to stay safe in school. We will explore feelings and self-regulation. We will also learn about the PANTS rules, and knowing the boundaries of our own and other peoples' bodies. We will be using the story 'Daisy's Dragon's' to help us identify different emotions and how they affect us.

Physical Development:

This term, we will learn to change for P.E. independently. We will explore different ways of moving and safely negotiating spaces through games. Later in the term, we will focus on our gymnastics skills, including balancing, jumping and rolling. Our fine motor work will focus on developing a pincer grip and holding a pencil correctly.

Mathematics: In Maths, we will start by focusing on subitising numbers to 3 (speedy recognition of the number). We will also focus on our careful counting skills. We will be comparing numbers using the language of 'more than' and 'fewer than'. Later in the term, we will learn about patterns, shapes, and positional language. We will also discuss different times of the day, and learn to order the days of the week.

Expressive Arts and

Design: This term, we will paint self-portraits and pictures of our families. We will also use loose parts to create our own transient Art masterpieces. We will use Autumn as an inspiration for some seasonal artwork. In our Music sessions, we will learn to express ourselves to different types of music, perform songs as a group, and explore rhythm in familiar songs.

