



## Reception Curriculum Overview - Autumn 1 Me, Myself and My Family

Topic Overview	In Autumn 1, the children will begin to learn about themselves, their families and others. This introductory topic will allow the children to explore how they are similar and different to one another, their likes and dislikes and the school rules and routines through a range of relevant texts. The children will initially be introduced to mark making and letter formation before writing CVC words and short captions.
Big Bang Day	On Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 we will be sharing photographs of our families as part of our topic. Please bring in a photo of your family and/or people you love to share with your teachers and friends.

**Mathematics**  
We will be following the White Rose programme for maths. In Autumn 1, we will introduce the children to the concept of matching, using shape and colour. We will learn to identify different sets of matching objects and then develop learning to sort groups of objects into matching sets.

**Literacy**  
We will use our core text, 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' to introduce our topic. We will begin to retell stories out loud, practising oracy and use story mapping to learn texts, extending our vocabulary. We will begin to mark make and write simple words.

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development**  
We will learn about different feelings and what they mean for us. We will draw pictures to represent these feelings and share them with our teachers. We will discuss any new feelings we might have around starting school and use the colour monster to support this.

**Communication & Language**  
During Autumn 1, we will begin to share our ideas with our friends and teachers and express our needs and wants. We will use our role play and home areas within the classroom to use talk in our play and build relationships with our peers.

**Understanding the World**  
We will have planned circle time activities, which will provide children with opportunities to talk about themselves, their homes and their families. Children will share photographs from home with their peers and teachers. We will discuss different families and cultures using the book 'Welcome to Our World'.

**Expressive Arts & Design**  
Children will learn colours and their names. We will experiment with colour mixing and each child will mix their own colour and name it. We will use paint for messy play to create our handprints and footprints. We will also choose colour for purpose to draw flags to represent the countries that are special to us.

**Physical Development**  
Children will begin to develop fine motor skills through the use of mark making activities. We will learn gross motor skills such as balancing and coordination during our PE lessons.

