



Leyburn Primary School curriculum newsletter



Year: EYFS - Reception

Term: Autumn 1 2026

Welcome!

Welcome to Reception! We are so impressed with how well the children have settled into Reception – we are very proud of them. Please feel free to message on Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns, however small. Please keep an eye out for updates on Class Dojo.

Topic:

Our topic this half-term is 'Marvellous Me!' We will learn and talk about different feelings, our family and friends, being healthy and the season of autumn.

We will listen to and discuss a range of stories and non-fiction texts linked to our topic.

We will learn and perform a 'Poetry Basket' poem every week.

Key days:

Monday – Reception library books changed.

Wednesday – Reception PE day (children come to school in their PE kit).

How can I help at home?

Read and share lots of books with your child.

Talk! Talk about anything you see or your child experiences. This helps them to develop their knowledge and their vocabulary.

A couple of reminders...

Please make sure child has a pair of wellies in school.

Please make sure, if required, your child is signed up to have milk every day. Once your child is 5 you need to decide if you wish to pay for milk or not.

Phonics:

Phase 2 of our phonics scheme starts next week. Every day we will learn a new sound and its written form and then blend the sounds to read words building on the phonics work we did in Nursery.

Writing:

Alongside our phonics scheme we will begin to learn to form letters. We also take part in 'Drawing Club' – this is where children develop their pencil grip and fine motor skills further by drawing pictures linked to our story of the week.

Maths:

We will learn to recognise groups of 1, 2 and 3 objects without counting them, counting small groups of objects and begin to look at the composition of numbers.