Reception Curriculum

AUTUMN 2 2026

St Andrew's Church of England Primary School

♡ Traditional Tales, Celebrations and the Nativity ♡

This half term, we continue our school journey by exploring traditional tales, discovering celebrations, learning about the past and present, and developing our creativity, kindness and sense of community.

OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

1 Week 1 Celebrations and New Beginnings

2 Week 2 Remembering the Past

3 Week 3 Traditional Tales: The Gingerbread Man

4 Week 4 Traditional Tales: The Three Little Pigs

5 Week 5 Our School Long Ago

6 Week 6 Celebrations and Communities

7 Week 7 The Nativity

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Build positive relationships and make friends
- Develop confidence and independence
- Talk about feelings and emotions
- Be kind, caring and considerate
- Understand rules and expectations
- Learn how to look after ourselves and others
- Celebrate differences and appreciate our community

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

- Listen carefully and follow instructions
- Speak confidently to adults and peers
- Ask questions to find out more
- Learn and use new vocabulary
- Take part in discussions
- Practise social phrases and greetings
- Retell and talk about stories
- Develop storytelling and imaginative language

LITERACY

Drawing Club Stories

- Jack and the Beanstalk (Weeks 1–2)
- The Gingerbread Man (Weeks 3–4)
- The Three Little Pigs (Weeks 5–6)

Twinkl Phonics

- Phase 1 skills
- Begin Phase 2 sounds
- Listening & attention
- Oral blending & segmenting
- Early reading & simple captions

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Move safely and with control
- Develop balance and coordination
- Use large and small equipment
- Develop hand strength and a tripod grip
- Practise letter formation
- Use scissors and tools safely
- Enjoy Dough Gym and Funky Fingers

MATHEMATICS

- Build and recognise numbers
- Count, represent and compare
- Explore composition of numbers
- Find, subitise and compare amounts
- Explore shapes, patterns and spatial reasoning
- Use mathematical language
- Solve problems and explain our thinking

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- Talk about our families and relationships
- Explore the local environment
- Learn about the past and present
- Discover celebrations including Bonfire Night, Remembrance and Diwali
- Explore changes over time
- Ask questions and share our experiences

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

- Explore painting and colour mixing
- Create artwork linked to traditional tales
- Use a range of materials and tools
- Explore music and movement
- Take part in role play and small world
- Build and create using different materials
- Perform and share our Nativity

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Explore Christian beliefs and the Nativity story
- Talk about celebrations and what they mean to different people
- Reflect on feelings and big questions
- Make links with our school values:

Respect • Kindness • Hope • Determination

ENRICHMENT & CULTURAL CAPITAL

- Bonfire Night experiences
- Remembrance activities
- Explore Diwali traditions
- Handle and explore historical objects
- Visit the local church
- Invite visitors to share their experiences
- Perform the Nativity for families
- Explore a range of books, music and art

Our Christian Values ♡ RESPECT ♡ KINDNESS ♡ HOPE ♡ DETERMINATION