Year Group: Reception

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	This term we will be Introducing the children to Class/School rules. We will be getting to know lots of new people in our class and around school. We will be finding out about each other using our 'All about me' box. We will be encouraging children to develop confidence and independence in following regular routines throughout the school day such as, self-registration, taking care of our belongings and toileting. Eventually we will be joining the rest of the school in celebration assembly.
English	This term we will be immersing the children in a number of stories including the stories 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke, Room on the Broom and Stickman by Julia Donaldson. We will be retelling and sequencing the stories and will create story maps. We will begin to learn our letters and sounds and develop our oral blending and segmenting skills. We will play lots of games to improve our speaking, attention and listening skills. We will begin to form the letters we have learned and practice recognising and writing our names.
Mathematics	This half term we will be focussing on Number. Children will become familiar with recognising and naming numbers to 10 through a range of activities. We will also be working with shape and developing the children's understanding of common 2D shapes. We will be encouraging children to notice patterns in the environment and copy and create their own patterns. We will be learning about size and using positional language.
Understanding the World	By immersing the children in different stories we have the opportunity to develop their understanding of the world around them in many ways. For example through our 'Naughty Bus' story, we will be finding out about cities such as London. We will be investigating floating and sinking. We will also be looking at reflections and finding out what we can see our reflections in. We will use technology to record what happens to our own naughty bus. We will think of places the Naughty Bus could visit and look at simple maps. We will also be taking part in 'Forest School' to allow us to have real life experience of seasonal change. We will be talking about our families and celebrations we share and comparing this to other families and different faiths celebrations.
Languages	In French with Madame Lila we will be playing games to help us learn simple greetings and some French songs.
Expressive Arts and Design	This term we will be asking the children to draw 'selfies' and make a paper plate version of themselves. We will be encouraging them to talk about and draw family portraits to help us get to know them better. As the season changes we will collect items such as leaves and conkers to use for Autumn

	themed transient art based on the stories 'The Leaf man'. We will also be doing creative activities linked to festivals and celebrations e.g Diwali pattern, firework pictures and Christmas Cards. We will be taking part in weekly dance and drama lessons with Miss Chloe leading to a performance in our infant nativity play. We will be following the Music scheme Charanga and learn about pulse and rhythm.
Physical Education	The children will participate in lots of physical activities in Reception, including riding bikes, climbing, running, jumping. In PE we will be using Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle movements to get us ready for writing. We will also take part in Funky Fingers sessions in class to help us with our fine motor skills. We will also will spend time learning basic principles of a PE lesson such as finding space, freezing on command, using and sharing equipment and working individually, with a partner and group. They will take part in activities, which will develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, skipping. We will be encouraging children to manage their own basic hygiene needs. We will be taking part in regular dance lessons with Miss Chloe and preparing for our Christmas performance.