

Reception: Autumn 2025

Autumn Term Topics



Families



Transport

The Reception Team

Miss Pownall - Class Teacher
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Miss Sofia- Co-teacher

You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to rec@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

Our School Uniform is important - please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes and shoes and that they have the correct PE kit. Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is named with a sewn on label or permanent pen.

We are always looking for ways to improve our school - please feel free to contact the school office if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

School Start Time

8:45am

School End Time

3:30pm

PE Days: **Wednesday** and **Thursday**

Children should come dressed in their PE kit on these days.



Every day is vital - please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.



Your child is expected to bring in their reading folder everyday so that letters and books can be brought home for you and your child to read.

It is vital that you take time to read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read daily, along with a reading diary to record comments about their reading in.



Your child will have an account on Tapestry where we put observations of your child's day as well as weekly roundups. You will also be able to upload what your child has been up to outside of school.

Dates for the diary

October- Black History Month

22nd Sep- Harvest Week- collection for Foodbank

10th Oct World Mental Health Day

20-21 Oct Parent Meetings

22-24 Oct- RE days

27- 31 Oct Half term

3rd Nov INSET day- no children in school

4 Nov Children return

9th Nov Remembrance Sunday

10-14th Nov - Kindness and anti- bullying Week

12th Nov - Positive Noticing Day

14th Nov Children in Need

28th Nov **recognise** St Andrew's Day (Thistles wear blue accessory)

11th Dec Christmas Lunch and jumper day

15-19th Dec- DT and RE week

19th Dec Last day (2pm finish)

In Reception our Understanding the World topics are fluid and do tend to change quickly as we follow the interests of the children however below is our current plan to support settling into their new class. We currently have our role play area set up as a vet as we are exploring woodland animals and will change it as the topics change.

In our woodland animals theme we are learning about:

- Owl life cycle
- Animals that live in the woods
- Non fiction books about woodland animals.
- Reading fiction stories (Owl babies, the very helpful hedgehog, forest witch)
- Recognising animal footprints



In our **Families, woodland animals, transport and autumn season** weeks we will be exploring:

- Talking and showing pictures about all the different families in our class and in other families.
- Creating a woodland animals small world
- Creating family portraits
- How do vets help animals?
- Facts about different types of transport
- How do you get to school? How does someone from another country get to school?
- Creating different transports in creative ways
- Exploring non fiction stories about animals, transport and seasons.



Role Play Resources

We are always keen for new resources if you are willing and able to donate any second hand items. We'd love to have a telephone, laptop, old mobile phones and extra dress up clothes for our role play area. Please get in touch if you can help with any of the above. We are also in need of more clean and recycled materials for junk modelling so please collect and donate if you can. Thank you!

Literacy

We will be using our phonics sessions and the texts Owl Babies and Handa's Surprise to support:

- Hearing and recognising initial sounds
- Sequencing a familiar story
- Letter formation
- Name writing
- Hearing the sounds in a word and blending them together,

Maths

- Matching equal and unequal sets
- Comparing and ordering objects and sets
- Ordering and representing numbers 1 - 6
- Recognise, describe, copy and extend colour and size patterns
- Explore addition and subtraction to 6
- Estimate, order compare, discuss and explore capacity, weight and lengths

In Character Curriculum, we will be learning about:

- Being Me in my World
- Celebrating differences

In PE, we will be learning about: Fundamentals through games.. By learning how to play team games using lots of skills, We also look at our independent learning and how we can use different equipment to play different games. Next half term we will be developing our fundamentals further.

In Spanish, we will be learning about:

- Giving commands
- Asking for water or to go to the toilet
- Learning a 'tidy up' song in Spanish

In Art we will be learning about colour and mark-making, using a range of tools. Taking inspiration for each activity from story books and illustrations. Learning how to create a story and represent it through illustrations. Other skills: collage drawing, painting.