

'The Hub' Progressive Group autumn 1 2026

Our topic this term is My Senses!



The first half term focuses on helping our children successfully transition back into school following the summer holiday. The priority is to establish secure routines, rebuild positive relationships with adults and peers, develop communication through Makaton and spoken language, and encourage independence. Learning is centred around the children's own experiences, bodies, families and their five senses, providing meaningful opportunities to develop vocabulary, communication, social interaction and play.

Our key texts this half term will be



Below outlines how the topic links to the EYFS curriculum.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE We will be embedding daily routines using consistent visual timetables, now/next boards and Makaton. We will be continuing to develop understanding of communication and the use of action words (verbs): e.g. eat, drink, look, listen, smell, touch, wash, sit, stand, walk, jump, clap, help, stop, and go. They will learn how to use words, sign and symbols to help them describe what they can see, smell, taste, how things feel, what they like and what they are doing. We will continue with Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonics through daily teaching.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT We will be looking at re-establishing daily classroom routines, building trusting relationships with all adults. We will support positive transitions into school to ensure all pupils feel safe and settled. We will focus on becoming familiar with the classroom areas, understanding classroom expectations and developing confidence during transitions.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT children will engage in sensory circuits, parachute games which will develop coordination and working together. They will be developing their fine and gross motor skills through balancing, climbing, using a variety of tools for mark making and cutting. We will be encouraging independence and self-help skills.



MATHS Children will practice daily counting, recognising everyday numbers - house numbers, ages. They will be able to match, sort and compare different objects by size. We will be using five and ten frames. We will be completing pictograms based on eye colour, hair colour, boys and girls.

LITERACY Children will be supported to engage in shared reading of repeated stories. They will discuss content and preferences. They will be encouraged to make predictions and sequence key events. They will be constructing sentences using colourful semantics.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD Children will be learning about themselves, their family, their address and friends. They will be investigating their five senses.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN Children will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings, they will create self-portraits, family pictures and face collages. We will share and learn songs/rhymes including Makaton signs.

1. Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
2. If You're Happy and You Know It
3. Wind the Bobbin Up
4. Tommy Thumb, One Finger One Thumb
5. This Is the Way We Wash Our Hands



Help at home



We hope that your child enjoys sharing books at home. We are going to be sending your child home with a book that matches their current reading ability - this is for you to read to and with your child please. Please ensure that this book and diary is brought back to school each week and we will change it for a new book every **Wednesday**. Please take time to read the book with your child and talk about the story and characters. Every day you read with your child they will get a point towards their rainbow reader badge!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd September - Return to school for the autumn term

Friday 23rd October - School closes at the end of the day for Half Term

Monday 2nd November- INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 4th November - School reopens to all pupils

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 2nd December - Christmas Fayre

Friday 18th December - School closes at the end of the day for Christmas holidays.

Monday 4th January 2027 - School reopens to all pupils.

If you have any questions please come and see us or contact Miss Sivieri or Mrs Morgan

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