



Hambridge Community Primary School Curriculum Information

Class Discovery RECEPTION

Term **AUTUMN 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am very excited to welcome you to our Foundation Stage class, which will be our first sole foundation class in a number of years. We have a wonderful year ahead, packed with exciting learning opportunities, new experiences and lots of fun. Supporting me this year will be **Miss Rumsey and Mrs Winter**. Please remember that if you have any questions, concerns or worries, we are always happy to help. Do come and speak to us.

We can't wait to meet you all and begin this exciting journey together.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	This term, we will enjoy sharing and responding to a range of stories, including <i>Funnybones</i> , <i>Oliver's Vegetables</i> and books linked to our All about me topic. The children will develop their speaking and listening skills by talking about what they have heard and experienced, using full sentences and beginning to join ideas together using the word 'and'. In Week 3, we will begin our phonics journey using Twinkl Phonics , starting with the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n . We will also be developing our gross and fine motor skills through a variety of practical activities to build the strength, control and coordination needed for successful writing.
Mathematics	In math's we'll be exploring early maths through practical, hands-on activities. Our focus will be on understanding place value and the composition of numbers to 10 as well as recognising and creating shapes and patterns. These activities will help children build confidence with numbers and develop their problem-solving and reasoning skills in a fun and engaging way.
Understanding the world	The subject areas covered are Science, History, Geography and RE. This term, we will be learning about how we have changed since we were babies, as well as exploring our bodies and the five senses. We will investigate the seasonal changes that take place during autumn and winter and observe the world around us. We will also learn about our local area and where we live, alongside exploring a range of important celebrations and events, including Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day, Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali. Through stories, discussions, role play and hands-on activities, children will develop their understanding of the world and the people within it.
Creative Development	This term, children will have lots of opportunities to explore their creativity through art, design, music and imaginative play. They will safely investigate a range of materials and tools, experimenting with colour mixing to create new colours and exploring different textures using a variety of materials. The children will begin to join materials using glue and tape and create simple models and pictures to represent their ideas. Through role play, they will use props and materials to act out experiences, stories and familiar situations, helping to develop their imagination and creativity. In music, children will begin to discover what makes a musician and explore who makes music and where music can be heard. They will listen to a range of musical styles, meet solo and orchestral instruments, and begin to use simple musical vocabulary. We will enjoy listening to pieces such as <i>Winter</i> from Vivaldi's <i>The Four Seasons</i> and <i>The Nutcracker</i> by Tchaikovsky, as well as exploring new and current music. Children will develop their singing skills through nursery rhymes, action songs, seasonal songs and the Sing Up units <i>I've Got a Grumpy Face</i> and <i>Shake My Sillies Out</i> , building confidence, rhythm and musical expression.
Physical Development	This term, children will develop their physical skills through a range of indoor and outdoor activities. We will focus on building gross motor skills, balance, coordination and control through PE sessions, riding trikes and active play. Forest School will provide opportunities for climbing, exploring and moving in different ways, helping children to strengthen their whole bodies and develop confidence in their physical abilities.

Homework



PHONICS

A 'Phonics parent information sheet' will be sent home at the end of each week which link to the sounds the children have learnt that week. Each sheet has the mnemonic, action, formation rhyme, song and focus words from the focus written/sound Correspondence.



READING

Children will bring reading books home and are expected to read on five occasions each week. Please record each reading session in your child's reading record book.

The book will be changed when it has been read 3 times at home.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Parents and carers should wait behind the metal fence in the playground when dropping off and collecting their child.
- Please let the school know if someone different will be collecting your child.
- Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.
- We ask that parents/carers sign the reading record each time they hear their child read at home.
- A homework activity will be sent home on a Friday.
- Monday is our PE day. Forest school is every Wednesday.
- The school provides a free piece of fruit at break time for all children. Children under five years old also receive a free carton of milk.
- If your child brings an additional snack for morning break, please ensure it is a piece of **fruit** or a **vegetable**.
- Please provide your child with a clearly named water bottle each day. These are kept safely in the classroom.
- Please ensure all school uniform and PE kit items are clearly named.