



Topic Overview - Cygnet Class – Reception - Autumn Term 2025

'What we nourish today, will flourish tomorrow.'

Communication and Language

Through our class stories and other books, children will be discovering and using new vocabulary. Children will be engaged in story times and encouraged to talk about their thoughts and feelings. Children will also be focusing on listening carefully and why this is important. Support your child at home by reading stories and asking questions about them afterwards. What did they like about it? Can they tell you their favourite part?



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our jigsaw learning is 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'. This will give the children a chance to express their feelings and consider the feelings of others. Talk about similarities and differences and explore being a good friend. The children will also be settling the children into new routines, learning the school rules and understanding why these are important. Support your child at home by talking about the school day, asking them how they feel and what they have enjoyed.

Physical Development

Throughout the curriculum and learning areas we will be encouraging fine and gross motor development. In P.E the focus will be on ball skills and dance. In the classroom we will work to strengthen our fine motor skills to build muscles for mark making and writing. Outside we will encourage core strength, coordination and balance when riding bikes and creating obstacle courses. Support your child at home by visiting a local park, being physically active, climbing, balancing and running help to build strength and stamina.

Literacy

The children will be studying the books 'Ruby's Worry' and 'What the Ladybird Heard' this term. Children will also start 'Read, Write Inc,' our highly effective phonics programme.

In our provision the children will focus on writing their name, writing letters with accuracy and finding rhymes in the books they are reading. They will be encouraged to discuss stories and learn new vocabulary.

Support your child at home by helping them to recognise and write their name, forming letters correctly. Sharing books about feelings and animals at home. Sharing your core book each week and reading their phonics books

Understanding the World

The key questions in R.E will be 'Why is the word 'God' so important to Christian people?' and 'Why do Christians perform a nativity plays at Christmas?' During the year we will also study seasonal changes, talk about members of our families and community. Children will have opportunities to explore materials and how best to create a boat. Support your child at home by talking about seasonal changes, what can they see happening outside and asking open ended questions to encourage their curiosity!

Mathematics

Using 'Mastering Number' children will develop a deep understanding of numbers 1- 5 through opportunities to learn number facts, group and compare sets of objects. The children will also learn about circles and triangles then about shapes with 4 sides. Support your child at home by singing counting songs, playing games like snap or pairs. Look out for numbers, shapes and patterns around you and discuss the similarities and differences, how many you have seen and how we know why.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be making 'marvellous marks' in our creative area. Learning how to use different materials to create and make to express their ideas and feelings. Children will also create a variety of self-portraits and art work for our class gallery. In music children will 'explore sounds' and have a chance to play and perform. Support your child at home by singing nursery rhymes and familiar songs, celebrating the art work they bring home and encouraging them to teach you the new skills they have learnt.