Pentland Primary School
Curriculum Overview
Reception
Autumn 2

Autumn Term 2 in Reception

As we begin Autumn 2, it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into Reception. They are becoming increasingly confident and independent, managing daily routines and responding well to classroom expectations.

The children are making great progress in their learning, developing new skills and showing enthusiasm for a range of activities. It has also been lovely to see friendships blossoming as they learn to play together, share and support one another.
We are incredibly proud of their progress so far and look forward to another exciting half-term of learning, growing and building confidence together!

In Reception, we continue to follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework, building on the learning and development the children have worked towards in Nursery. The framework outlines the skills and objectives children work towards throughout Reception, supporting them to achieve a 'Good Level of Development' by the end of the year.
The curriculum is divided into Prime Areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

And Specific Areas:

- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

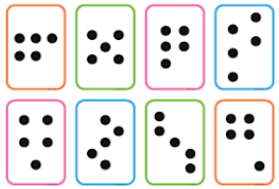
These areas are taught through a balance of play, exploration, practical experiences and adult-led activities. We will provide a stimulating and supportive environment where children can develop their confidence, independence and curiosity while building strong foundations for future learning.
Our priority is for every child to feel happy, safe, valued and excited to come to school. We cannot wait to watch the children thrive in Reception, make new friendships and discover all the wonderful things they can achieve!
Miss McGinley

Websites
Numberblocks - BBC iPlayer

Talk Through Stories Autumn 2:

The Scarecrows Wedding	The Squirrels who Squabbled	Owl Babies	Zog	Lost and found	Stick Man	One Snowy Night

Maths
We will continue with our Mastering Number programme, delving deeper into the composition of numbers and developing the children's understanding of how numbers can be made and represented in different ways. We will also explore spatial reasoning, encouraging the children to investigate shapes, patterns, positions and relationships through practical, hands-on activities.



Phonics, English, Handwriting

We will continue to teach phonics daily using the *Little Wandle* phonics programme. The children are developing their knowledge of letter sounds and practising how to blend sounds to read words. Through daily phonics sessions and early reading opportunities, they will continue to build confidence and develop a love of reading. Reading regularly at home is a valuable way to reinforce their learning, and we encourage families to read with their children and practise the sounds and books sent home to support their progress.

Our English teaching follows **Talk Through Stories**, a story-based approach that uses high-quality children's books to develop **language, vocabulary, comprehension and a love of reading**. Through repeated reading, discussion and carefully planned activities, children will explore stories in depth, develop their understanding and learn new vocabulary. These strong language foundations support children in becoming confident communicators, readers and writers.

In Reception, children will continue to developing their handwriting skills through **Kinetic Letters**, a structured programme that supports confident, fluent and legible handwriting. Children will learn correct letter formation while developing pencil control, coordination and fine motor skills. This consistent approach helps children build writing stamina and confidence, providing strong foundations for becoming successful writers.

Science
During Autumn 2, the children will explore forces and electricity. They will investigate how objects move when pushed or pulled and identify everyday objects that use electricity. Through practical, hands-on activities, they will develop their curiosity and understanding of the world around them.

RE
During Autumn 2, the children will explore Christianity and the Christmas story. They will learn about the Nativity, discovering the story of Jesus' birth and the key people involved. Through stories, discussions and activities, the children will develop their understanding of why Christmas is important to Christians and how it is celebrated.
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Geography
During Autumn 2, our focus will be Geography. The children will explore our world and local area, observe seasonal changes as we move into winter, and learn about different celebrations around the world. Through stories and activities, they will develop their understanding of the world around them.

Art/DT
During Autumn 2, the children will explore collage in Art, experimenting with different materials, textures and colours to create their own artwork. In Design and Technology, they will explore different ingredients, learning about their uses and how they can be combined to make simple food products.

PE
During Autumn 2, the children will follow the fun *Move with Max* scheme in PE. They will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills, building on their balance, coordination and control through engaging games and activities.

Music
Our music lessons will continue to be taught by Miss Galloway. The children will build on their listening skills, explore rhythm and sound, and develop their enjoyment and appreciation of music through a range of engaging activities.

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Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.