



# Reception Curriculum Newsletter—Autumn Term 1

## Do you want to be friends?

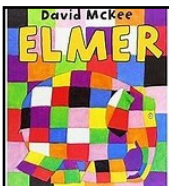
### Hello!

Each half term we will have a new theme. Our first theme is **'Do you want to be friends?'** Friends are the family you choose! Do you want to be friends? Would you like to play with me? It's time to find out more about friendship, being kind and working together.

### Literacy

This term we will be focusing on our phonics, where we will learn a new sound each day and how to write the letter that represents each sound. These will be shared with you, to enable you to support the learning at home.

**Favourite Five**— These are five books we are going to focus on in our story times and enjoy reading multiple times. **The Colour Monster, Elmer, The Everywhere Bear, Hamilton's Hats and Owl Babies.**



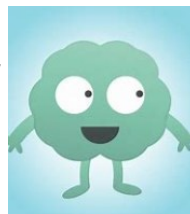
### Maths

In our maths sessions we'll be practising our counting skills, recognising numerals and explore one more and one less than a given number. We' will also be exploring repeating patterns; and matching, sorting and comparing objects.

### PSED

Alongside getting to know all of our new friends, we will also be learning all of the new routines and rules of school life, and creating our class charter.

We will also be following our Jigsaw scheme of work every week with nursery, where the theme will be **'Being Me in My World'**.



### Communication and Language

We will be practising our listening skills and developing our attention during our story times with our **'Favourite Five'** books. Whilst learning about our new theme we will be exposed to new vocabulary such as **kind, unique, honest, gentle, team, feelings, angry, frustrated, worried, glum, excited.**

### Physical

We will be doing PE lessons on **Tuesday**. We will also have a daily physical activity called Leap into Life, where we will focus on developing gross motor skills. Alongside our gross motor skills, there will be lots of funky finger activities to develop our hand and finger muscles, including Dough Disco, ready for writing and we'll be developing the use of our tripod grip whilst holding a pencil.

### Understanding the World

We will be learning about 'people who help us', starting with adults in the school, followed by our emergency services. In our investigation area, we'll be exploring our 5 senses, through various activities, including 'what's that smell?'. We will also learning about the season, Autumn, by discussing seasonal changes and going on an Autumnal scavenger hunt.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be drawing portraits of ourselves for our class display. We'll be busy exploring with natural resources whilst engaging in imaginative play in our outdoor kitchen and we'll also be setting up some role play areas around the children's interests. We will be using our powder paints to explore mixing our primary colours to create new colours.



### What can I do at home?

Friends are fabulous! Why not create a 'friends and family tree' together out of photos? You could also have some play dates with new

