



Year R Curriculum Leaflet Spring 2 2025



Investigating Whitchurch and People Who Help Us

Wow! We can't believe we are already halfway through the year, time flies when you are having fun! We are really proud of how well the children have settled into school life and all the work they have been doing both at home and in school and the progress they are making.

We continue to focus on our curricular goals. We will also have a focus on keeping safe and healthy.

Our new curricular goals.	Every child can tell a story	Every child to be able to tell a story through music and acting	Every child can build an obstacle course	Every child is an artist	Every child is helping to look after their world	Every child is a healthy child (includes health and wellbeing)
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Every child is an artist – This half term we will continue to enjoy using our art area - we will introduce PVA glue and add Sellotape and parcel tape for joining materials together. We will be experimenting with colour mixing and reminding the children to use the correct colours for the things they are painting. Our cutting focus will be cutting shapes and using the shapes to create new pictures.

We will begin to introduce loose parts so children can create transient art.

We will be encouraging the children to add more detail to their drawings and talking about how they can improve their pictures.

We will continue to talk about what we are making or creating and discuss the process we are using. We will think about what we are drawing, painting or creating.

Every child can tell a story – This half term we will be introducing new stories, rhymes and poems. We will be encouraging the children to identify the key parts in a story. We will be continuing with 'drawing club'; the children are really enjoying learning new and different words and vocabulary to talk about and describe things and using their imaginations as they draw and talk and develop new codes.

We will be encouraging the children to tell stories through puppets, small world toys and through their play.

Every child to be able to tell a story through music and acting – This half term we will be learning some new songs and rhymes. We will be adding musical instruments to help create the sounds in a story. We will be thinking about different ways we can move our bodies to music and seeing if we can move in time.



Every child is getting to know their local community – This half term the focus will be on people in our community that help us, for example the fire service and police.

We are hoping to visit the local library and to visit All Hallows Church to have a look around. We will be asking the children about places they visit or go to in Whitchurch and what they do there.

Every child can build their own obstacle course - This half term we will begin to plan our own obstacle course, working as part of a team, helping each other, and discussing the changes we could make. With adult support, we will begin to evaluate the courses that we make. We will become confident using positional language and we will be able to use this to give our friends instructions about how to complete our course.

Every child is helping to look after their world – This half term we will be linking with our community and talking about things we can do in Whitchurch and where Whitchurch is on the map.

We will be thinking of ways we can look after our local areas, how we can keep them tidy and how we can let others know about recycling. We will begin to think about how this has an impact on the wider environment.

Every child is a healthy child - This half term we will be focusing on how to keep ourselves healthy. This will include healthy eating, sleeping, exercise, hygiene, cleaning teeth and feeling good (wellbeing).

We will be revisiting how to be a good friend and how we can problem solve if we have a problem with sharing or turn taking.

We will begin to think about how to keep ourselves safe - this will include stranger danger, road safety and how we can be seen, especially in the dark. We will also begin to think about keeping ourselves safe online.

Reading (RWI) and Phonics Well done to everyone who is reading every day. Reading everyday really helps with the children's progress, both in their reading and their writing.

The children are bringing home Read Write Inc story books. These are black and white books and are a copy of the colour version they will have read at school. They will have read the book three times in school so should be able to share their book with you confidently. There is a brief explanation of how to follow the activities included in the book.

During phonics lessons in school the children will be working in small groups, these groups are tailored to your child. You can help your child at home by taking part in the activities posted on Google classroom.



Library Day is a Monday, please remember to bring in your books so that you can choose new ones.

Writing This half term, we continue to focus on forming our letters correctly and using our phonics knowledge to write words and use these in simple sentences.

When children write we encourage them to:

1. Say it out loud. (more than once)
2. Sound out their words using Fred fingers as they write them, use the red cards/tricky word or use their knowledge.
3. Read it back, asking themselves does it make sense?
4. Check that they have remembered to use a capital letter at the beginning of their sentence finger spaces, and a full stop at the end.

Maths - This term will continue to develop our subitising skills for numbers within and beyond 5, and increasingly connect quantities to numerals. We will begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5, explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a one more or two more' and connect this to the finger pattern. We will focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers. We will explore a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame, to compare quantities and numbers. We will develop counting skills and knowledge, including that the last number in the count tells us 'How many' (cardinality); to be accurate in counting, each thing must be counted once and once only and in any order; the need for 1:1 correspondence; understanding that anything can be counted, including actions and sounds.

PE – In PE, this term we will continue to focus on the 5 shapes in gymnastics and different ways of travelling along the equipment. We will add sequences starting with a shape, travelling along the equipment, jumping off and then finishing with a shape. We will look at how we can balance on different parts of our bodies and think about how we can keep healthy through exercising.

RE - We will be listening to some Bible stories, learning the school prayer and learning about what we will see and find in a church. We will also be exploring new life within the context of Easter.

Heartsmart – Don't hold onto what's wrong – This half term we will be working on being super friends. Boris will help us to remember that good friends always make sure everyone is included, we need to listen carefully to what are friends say, we should always use kind words and choose to be kind to our friends.



Notes

Please label **ALL** of your child's belongings and clothes. It is very hard to find things when there are no names on them as most of the children's clothes are the same size.

We are still finding lots of coats and jumpers with no names!

Please can we ask that all long hair is tied up.

Home Learning and Weekly Challenges

Please read lots of stories to your children and then when they receive their reading books, please read these every day. Please remember to put a little comment in each time they read (or a signature).

Weekly challenges will be uploaded on a Friday evening for your child to take part in - please leave a comment on Google Classroom to let us know how they have got on.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th February – Visit to All Hallows Church

Friday 7th March Pelican Class worship in the small hall at 9am

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day, children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character.

Friday 14th March Puffin Class worship in the small hall at 9am

Thank you for your support.

Year R Team

Pelicans Class – Mrs Wersby

Puffins Class – Mrs Pearson (Mon, Tue, Wed) and Mrs Fuller (Thurs, Fri)

LSA's - Miss Smith, Mrs Piper, Mrs Smeeton, Mrs Pearson, Miss Coughtrey.

