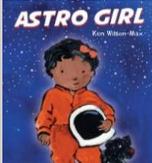




## A Year in Reception...



As a school Trust, we aim to give all our children the best possible start to their school life. Here at Ilsham, we begin to broaden their horizons, and raise aspirations, from the very beginning. Our curriculum reflects the needs and interests of the children and our school vision and values, and allows the children to become confident, independent, learners, who have fostered a love for learning! In Reception, our children learn through a play-based curriculum. We believe that learning through play is a crucial part of a child's development, where children can naturally explore the world around them, whilst learning many new skills. This ensures that all learning is fun and purposeful, as well as allowing every child to develop at their own pace. Each week, our play opportunities are carefully planned, and adapted, to ensure they are meaningful, and the children are developing their physical, cognitive and communication skills. Here is an insight into what we are learning this year...

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<p><u>Tell me a Story...</u> <u>Literacy</u> 'Tell me a Story...' is a theme based on communication &amp; language that will enthuse and excite young minds. Reception will have the opportunity to tell stories, investigate what makes a great story, and explore characters and settings through traditional tales and favourite stories.</p> <p><u>Maths</u> Reception will be looking at number recognition and counting accurately. The children will begin to recognise numbers to 10 and beyond and will learn different strategies to count objects. They will begin to understand and use the vocabulary of 'more and less' and to use the vocabulary associated with addition and subtraction.</p> <p><u>Wider Curriculum</u>  The children will have the opportunity to explore belonging in their RE learning. They will get to know one another by discussing their families and likes and interests. We will discuss special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas, allowing the children to remember and reflect from their own personal experiences. They will engage in drawing and painting, using a variety of different materials and focus on the artist Andy Goldsworthy. They will explore the world around them by investigating seasonal changes, and basic maps of their classroom. The children will also have the opportunity to perform on stage for our Christmas Nativity!</p> 	<p><u>I wish I was a...</u> <u>Literacy</u> 'I Wish I was a...' is an over-arching theme during Spring Term, which allows the children to dream big! This helps to promote and spark their imagination of what they would like to be and give them the opportunity to explore a day in the life of people who help us such as, firefighters, nurses, and even engineers. The children will use their sound knowledge from their daily Read Write Inc lessons to read and write words and small captions.</p> <p><u>Maths</u> This term, EYFS will be challenging themselves to solve addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies and resources. The children will be encouraged to talk about their thinking using mathematical language and will be exploring ways of recording their investigations. For example, the 'Part Part Whole model'.</p> <p><u>Wider Curriculum</u> During this term, the children will focus on characters from the past such as pirates and space explorers and think about heroes from long ago. They will explore why the word 'God' is important to Christians and learn all about The Easter Story. The children will have exposure to different collage materials, inspired by Eric Carle, and discuss different materials and their properties. They will gain understanding of what it means to live a healthy lifestyle and how we can take care of ourselves. The children will begin to investigate plants and lifecycles and have a hands-on approach to this in our outdoor gardens.</p>  	<p><u>Let's Investigate...</u> <u>Literacy</u> 'Let's Investigate...' is a great theme to get children involved in their learning and curious about the world around them. In literacy, the children will have the opportunity to begin to write in many forms such as stories, lists, and instructional writing. They will have many opportunities to observe different environments and allow this to inspire them within their writing journey.</p> <p><u>Maths</u> In maths, during the Summer Term, the children will solve real life problems, including doubling, halving, and sharing and, to prepare for their learning in year 1, the children will be practicing their number formation and their number-bonds to 5. They will investigate measures using everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, and time to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.</p> <p><u>Wider Curriculum</u>  This term, the children will have the opportunity to explore different animals and their habitats. They will compare creatures from the past, such as dinosaurs, and make comparisons to the world we live in today. They will have the opportunity to visit one of our local beaches and discuss what it is like to live beside the sea, and life under the sea! In music, the children will learn new vocabulary whilst experimenting with pulse and rhythm. In art, the children will create their own 3D models, using different tools and have the chance to create their own mosaic!</p> 