Standlake CE Primary School
Reception
Jemison Class

Me and My Community

Autumn 2026

Literacy

We will be using lots of lovely storybooks to bring our topic to life such as, The Lion Inside, The Colour Monster at School, Super Duper You and Emergency. We will share these books several times and begin to retell them in our own words.
Children will take part in daily Phonics sessions and begin to learn single letter sounds and how these can be blended together to read a word. We will be clapping syllables in words and matching objects that start with the same initial sound. Children learn to write their name, forming letters correctly.

PSED

Our Jigsaw Unit this term is Being Me in My World. We will learn about how they have similarities and differences from their friends and how that is OK. They begin working on recognising and managing their feelings, identifying different ones and the causes these can have. The children learn about working with others and why it is good to be kind and use gentle hands. The children learn what it means to be responsible.

Communication and Language

Our speaking and listening skills are key to all our other learning so we will be focusing on this area of learning at this early stage of the year. We want the children to be talking lots and engaging in conversations with us and their friends. Children will be learning to listen to stories in a group and talk about what happened. We will be play alongside the children asking them questions and helping them to extend their vocabulary.

Physical Development

Children will learn to move in a variety of ways using good coordination and balance.
We will be using some simple tools such as rolling pins, tweezers and stampers. We will do lots of cutting activities so that children learn how to use scissors correctly in a safe way. The children will be encouraged to do lots of mark making and drawing. We will try hard to hold our pencils correctly using a 'tripod' grip. We will be working hard to write our names, using clear letters.

Understanding the World

We will be finding out about what makes each of us unique and celebrating all our differences. We will be talking about our families and our connections with other people. We will then be learning about our local community. We will find out about the places that are special to us and the features of our local environment. We will find out about all the people who help us in the community and the important jobs they do.
We will talk about how the seasons change, go for an autumn walk and collect objects. We will also take part in the Harvest Festival later in the term.

Maths

This term we will be learning to sort collections of objects by their size, shape, colour etc. We will be comparing amounts, noticing which has more or fewer. We will explore the composition of numbers up to 3, learning how to represent those numbers using a wide range of resources. We will also be creating some patterns, ensuring we continue the pattern in the same way.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring how we can use our voices, making the pitch go up and down. We will learn and sing some songs and rhymes such as 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'. Children will all create a self-portrait, carefully choosing colours for their features. The children will have lots of opportunities to engage in pretend play in our Home Corner and Doctors role-play areas.