

Ambition 1 – we will retell a story

- Writing books ‘all about me’
- Features of a book e.g.) title, author, print
- Storytelling puppets.
- Daily cross curricular reading opportunities
- Learning and performing the Christmas Show
- Journeys/making maps/ using Beebots
- Christmas Show



Ambition 2 – we will be confident risk takers

- Settling in, routines.
- Exploring and feeling safe in a new environment
- Learning and following the Merry Hill way
- Creating with a purpose in mind
- Exploring new media and equipment
- Developing a Growth Mindset “I can do it, just not yet”
- Building confidence to try something new.



Ambition 3 – we will be global green citizens

- Harvest festival
- Forest Lessons
- Identify, observe and draw on seasonal change
- Recycling and repurposing containers to make something new
- Listening to and appreciating music from around the world
- Tidying the Reception Garden



Ambition 4 – we will become independent.

- Getting changed independently for PE, coats, shoes
- Pencil control, developing writing skills
- Developing fine motor skills e.g.) playdough, threading cutting
- Healthy living – importance of exercise, washing hands
- E-Safety
- Being ready for school and learning – book bags, water bottles, coats, smart sitting
- Recording changes from baby to now
- Understanding the importance of health, exercise and hygiene
- Tasting and making foods.



A Happy Place

Reception Autumn Term



Why “A Happy Face”?

As the children begin their journey in Reception, our topic ‘A Happy Face’ ensures a smooth start. We are focusing on learning new school routines and expectations, such as sitting on the carpet for longer, and supporting children to feel happy and safe so they are ready to learn, and making new friends. We explore new feelings, identifying emotions and a developing understanding of how we feel and how to manage our feelings.

Ambition 5 – we will celebrate a variety of cultures

- Singing Songs from different cultures
- Belonging – similarities and differences
- Learning about festivals: Diwali, Sukkot, Hanukah Rosh Hashana
- Special visitors to speak about their celebrations
- Christmas Story– Christmas show
- Birthdays



Key Vocabulary

Journey – moving from one place to another
 Change – something becomes different over time
 Grow – becoming bigger over time
 Exercise – making your body healthy and strong
 Hygiene – keeping yourself clean
 Map – A drawing showing where things are
 Fact - Something we know is true/real
 Seasons – changes to the weather
 Festival – when people come together to celebrate.

Ambition 6 – We will understand our place in time and space



- Talking about where the children went in the summer holidays.
- Telling others about relatives living in other countries
- Transport – what it is and how to be safe around it
- Describing and mapping what can be seen in the classroom and on the playground.
- Direction and navigation
- Seasonal Change



