

EYFS CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

AUTUMN TERM

Westcott EYFS September 2026



WELCOME TO EYFS!

A warm welcome to all our children and families in EYFS! We are delighted to have you with us as we begin a fun-filled year of learning, discovery and exciting opportunities. We are looking forward to getting to know each and every one of the children and their families, building strong relationships and creating a happy, nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and supported. We can't wait to begin this exciting year ahead together, filled with wonderful experiences, friendships, curiosity and plenty of learning opportunities for the children to grow and shine!

SAVE THE DATES

Parents Phonics Workshops:

September 22nd 9.00am and 2.30pm

Stay and Play : Thursday 1st October 9-10am

Autumn walk to East Park with families:

Monday 19th October 1.00pm-3.00pm

Parent consultations - Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October

GOOD TO BE ME & CELEBRATIONS

This term's focus is 'It's Good to be ME' where we celebrate all of the wonderful qualities that make us who we are. The children share stories of themselves and their families, and settle in to their new environment whilst feeling a sense of belonging. In the second part of the Autumn term we will be looking at Celebrations and how different people celebrate around the world.

LITERACY

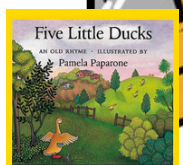
This term, our focus texts will be **The Colour Monster** and **The Tiger Who Came to Tea**. Through these engaging stories, the children will explore different emotions and feelings, as well as develop their understanding of stories, characters and events. They will have lots of opportunities to share their thoughts, ideas and experiences, helping to build their communication and language skills and develop their confidence when speaking and listening. The children will also begin their exciting **phonics journey**, learning a range of new phonemes that will form the early foundations for becoming confident and fluent readers.

Alongside phonics, the children will begin their **handwriting journey**. Through daily opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills, they will strengthen the muscles and coordination needed for writing. We will introduce early transcription skills through fun, purposeful activities, helping the children to develop the foundations they need as they progress on their writing journey throughout the year.

MATHS

In Maths, the children will enjoy daily songs and nursery rhymes to develop their counting skills and build confidence with numbers. We will explore patterns, sorting and comparing objects, encouraging the children to notice similarities and differences and explain their mathematical thinking.

The children will follow a mastery approach to Maths, developing a deep understanding of early number concepts through practical, hands-on experiences.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This term we are building the toolkit for children to be able to move their bodies safely and begin to form the development of their fine motor skills. Children will begin to develop a preference for a dominant hand and hold a pencil comfortably. They will also be supported to use a knife and fork at lunch times and navigate themselves around the school safely.



COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

We are learning how to follow a two step instruction and how to be a good listener. We encourage children to join in with familiar songs and rhymes and perform to our friends. We are also learning to take turns both physically in games, and in conversations where the children can hold a back and fourth conversation with an adult or peer.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of our PSED curriculum, the children are learning how to follow basic hygiene routines such as using the bathroom independently, washing their hand and learning how to make healthy food choices. They will begin to express how they are feeling by using the colour monster colours to check in daily, and begin to learn some simple simple-regulation strategies to help them be successful throughout their school day.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

This term the children are exploring mark making – we apologise for any messy uniforms! They will begin to explore different media such as chalk, crayons, pencils and paints and will have the freedom to explore throughout our provision by selecting the media they best find suitable for the job. The children are encouraged to share and talk about what they have created to build upon their communication and language skills.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

The children are learning to notice the environment around them starting with our school environment and then taking part in a seasonal walk in our local area. We will be creating our own class map of our walk to East Park and will be using Google Earth to find our own homes (please teach your children your home address). We will also be learning about our own life timeline and what we couldn't do as a baby, but what we can do now. Please feel free to send baby photos on Dojo that we can share with the class to help with our learning.