



Palmers Cross Reception Summer Term 2026

Welcome back.

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

This term, our learning focuses upon two thematic topics: What on Earth and Under the Sea. Throughout our topics, we begin our learning through a story to develop our Communication and Language skills and to allow us to broaden our writing within Literacy. Our learning takes place through a mix of adult led and child initiated sessions using the indoor and outdoor environments.

We encourage our children to take a lead in the learning

with the use of open-ended activities that allow them to develop various 'Characteristics of Effective Learning.



Phonics

Children will continue to build upon their phonic knowledge to segment and blend words. They will continue to improve their reading skills through both individual and Floppy Phonics sessions each week.

They will practise recognising the written form of phonemes within words and will also practise the formation of different letters.



Communication and

Language Through all areas of our curriculum, we will develop our Listening, Attention & Understanding and Speaking skills. We will listen attentively to stories, learn to follow instructions accurately and we will learn to express ourselves clearly and effectively.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development Across our curriculum, we will continue to develop our skills surrounding Self-Regulation, Managing Self and Making Relationships. We will develop our confidence and resilience to attempt new activities, will take into account others' ideas as well as develop our independence in preparation for Year 1.

Mathematics

As budding mathematicians, we will continue to develop our deep understanding of numbers up to 10 through composition and recalling facts using addition, subtraction and doubling. As well as counting reliably and ordering numbers, we will use our number knowledge to identify numerical patterns.



Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

Through all areas of the curriculum, the children will continue to develop their skills surrounding making relationships, self-confidence and awareness and managing their feelings and behaviour.

Expressive Art and Design

Over the term, we will develop our skills within this area of the curriculum by exploring and using different media and materials to create different pieces of art work using junk modelling and painting. Throughout both topics, the children will represent their own ideas by singing songs, making music, dancing, and experimenting with ways of changing them.

Physical Development

Children receive taught sessions of PE each week as well as having daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing their gross motor skills to be refined. We have daily opportunities to develop our fine motor skills

Understanding the World

During our outdoor learning, we will continue to look at the world around us and explore using our senses. We will look at the importance of looking after the environment and the ways that we can help such as recycling and not dropping litter.

through activities in our class Funky Fingers as well as cutting and threading.