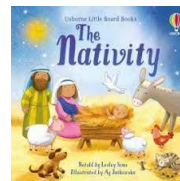
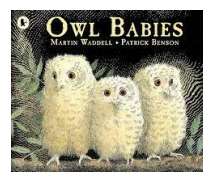


Autumn Term 2026 Class 1



What makes me a me? | How do we celebrate?

Belonging

Environment

Key

Individuality

Seasonal Changes

Welcome to the new academic year, it is a huge milestone to be starting nursery and reception and we're thrilled you've chosen Whitemoor Academy!

We communicate with families using Tapestry, please ensure you can access your account and that you check it regularly as most information will be sent this way.

The class 1 teaching team this year is Mrs Knight (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Barker (Thursday and Friday). The teaching assistants this year are Mrs Toher and Mrs Suffolk.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, our doors are always open.

Prime Areas

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Autumn 1 will be focused in this area, ensuring children have time to develop skills to follow routines and navigate the classroom and school. E.g. lining up, using aprons, scissors, glue, tidying up.

The topics covered in PSHE are 'Me and my relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'.

Communication and Language

Children will enjoy regular story times, as well as singing songs to build vocabulary and confidence. Each week, different resources linked to topics will be introduced to the classroom to encourage use of recently introduced vocabulary and encourage role-play.

Physical Development

Children will be encouraged to be independent in all areas – from putting on their coat, washing hands and choosing what they want to play with. Fine motor activities will be available daily to build strength for early writing.

Literacy

Nursery – Children in nursery will play early phonics games each morning. In Autumn term these focus on speech detection, syllable awareness and onset and rime.

Reception – Children will learn a new sound each day and how to blend these together to make words. In writing, the focus will be writing their name and practising writing the sound of the day using correct letter formation. Reading books will be sent home in book bags. More information to follow on how to support reading at home.

Maths

Nursery – Learning will cover colours, matching, sorting, pattern, and the number 1 and 2.

Reception – Learning will cover matching, sorting, comparing, pattern, shape and developing a deep understanding of number to 5.

Understanding the World – The first half term is dedicated to getting to know each other, sharing All About Me books and learning routines in the classroom and exploring how to use the resources. After half term we will be learning how the seasons bring change, thinking about the nights getting longer and what this means for animals. As Christmas approaches, Class 1 will be learning about special events and how and why people celebrate events such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, and Christmas.

Expressive Arts and Design – Children will sing songs and rhymes daily, with a rhyme of the week to build their repertoire of songs. There will be opportunities to explore instruments in Autumn 2 and as Christmas approaches, learning songs for the Nativity performance. Throughout the term, children in both nursery and reception will be introduced to a variety of artists and taught skills to help to express themselves creatively.

Home Learning – Children's development improves when supported to read at home each day. We reward home learning with stickers, house points, certificates and enjoying 'show and tell' of activities completed at home.

Homework	What is expected	When will it be given?
Reading Book	Please read daily and record in reading record. Books will be changed after 3 reads and are matched to the phonics group. The first books sent home are wordless and are for building story-telling skills. Housepoints are awarded for every 5 reads completed at home, and certificates for 10, 25, 50, 75 & 100 reads. Library books can be shared with an adult at home.	Library books are changed on a Friday.
Tapestry Challenge	A home learning challenge will be posted to Tapestry weekly. Challenges will vary and may be linked to writing, maths, or the topic. Please share home activities by posting on Tapestry, children receive a house point upon completion and can 'show and tell' their learning with the class.	Posted to Tapestry on a Friday.

This overview shows the intended learning, which may change due to pupil interests.



Important Information

Monday Morning – PE:

Please provide a PE kit to keep in school.

Outdoor Learning:

Please provide a pair of wellies to keep in school. Class 1 regularly learn outside and wellies are needed in wet weather.

Spare Clothing:

Children have free-flow access to paint, the mud kitchen and water. We provide aprons and coats for very messy play, however sometimes clothes can get wet and messy. It is helpful to have spare clothing which can be kept in school.