

Communication & Language Development

We will be...

- Learning new vocabulary using 'buzz words' and talking about our experiences.
- Exploring our thoughts, feelings and actions with confidence.
- Answering relevant questions and respond with relevant comments.

🏠 Use different voices, like loud voices or squeaky voices, when you are telling stories.

Literacy

We will be...

- Developing our love of books.
- We will focus children's attention on predictions and explanations through reading different texts.
- Providing varied texts and encourage children to use all their skills including their phonic knowledge to decode words.
- Supporting and scaffolding individual children's writing as opportunities arise.

🏠 Ask your child to be a sound detective and look for sounds of the day in some old magazines/ newspapers at home.

Physical Development

We will be....

- Developing our fine motor skills by work with tweezers, playdough, chalks, scissors, paint brushes, threading, weaving etc.
- Taking part in PE and dance sessions.
- Taking part in phonics lessons to support us to form our letters correctly.

🏠 Ask your child to practise yoga before bedtime to relax, prepare their eyes and body for a restful night's sleep.

Foundation Stage 2

Autumn 1 Overview



Core Books

The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas
The Colour Monster Goes To School
by Anna Llenas
Traditional Tales: Goldilocks / The
Three Little Pigs / The Billy Goat's
Gruff / Little Red Riding Hood
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Wriggle and Roar by Julia
Donaldson and Nick Sharratt

Understanding the World

We will be...

- Strengthening the positive impressions children have of their own cultures and faiths, and those of others in their community, by sharing and celebrating a range of practices and special events.
- Developing an understanding of our local environment and the wider world.
- Taking part in Muddy Monday adventures.
- Visiting Langold Library.
- Planting bulbs.

🏠 Look at photos of each family member as a baby. Discuss how they are all different, that is what makes us special!

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be...

- Exploring colours and material properties by creating and painting with different media.
- Painting self-portraits and pictures of our family.
- Adding instruments to themed songs.
- Re-telling stories with puppets and props.
- Taking on a role in play in our home corner
- Learning about the artist Pollock and create art work in his style

🏠 At home, make a story box of your favourite traditional tale, bring it to school and re-tell the story.

Mathematics

We will be...

- Subitising
- Exploring patterns- simple and complex.
- Saying what is one more and one less.
- Exploring 2D and 3D shapes

🏠 At home, sing number rhymes together (10 Green Bottles / 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive / 5 Speckled Frogs etc.)

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be...

- Talking about sharing with our friends.
- Showing empathy to others.
- Showing determination to reach a goal.
- Showing resilience in the face of challenges.
- Learning the rules of our new class and exploring ways to resolve conflict.

🏠 At home, you could look at photos of past holidays. Talk about what you were doing in the photos and what parts of the holiday you liked best.



Traditional Tales Party

Tuesday 14th October 2025

We will be having a party as our fantastic finale to our topic. Dress up as your favourite character from any Traditional Tale for our themed day. We can't wait to see who is going to walk through the door!



Library Visit

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th October 2025

We will be visiting Langold Library to share stories, sing songs and choose a book to take home and share with our family. We need volunteers to come along as we are walking to the library. We will leave at 1pm from reception. Please let us know if you can volunteer. Miss Frisby's class will visit on Thursday and Miss Bownes class will visit on Tuesday.



Phonics Workshop

Monday 22nd September 2025 (TBC)

On Monday 23rd September, I will be delivering a 45 minutes phonics workshop. This will help you to support your child with their early reading and writing at home.

It will begin at 3.30 and your F2 children will be looked after by our lovely TAs in class so that you can attend.

It is for adults only and if possible, could siblings be left with carers at home let me know if you will be attending.

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Talking Together

Talking Leads to Learning

Helping your child learn to talk and listen well will help them to be ready to learn when they get to nursery and school.

- Keep dummies for sleep times only from six months old*
- Sing songs and rhymes with me
- Our best place is face to face
- Listen to me, give me time - I have lots of things to say
- Talk with me all day - at bath time, meal times and in play
- Share books with me
- SWITCH OFF TALK** Switch off and talk with me

*Unless advised by a health professional.

Please visit www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/language-for-life and like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/nottslanguageforlife
You can also visit your local children's centre and ask to speak to the language lead or speech and language therapist.

For further information: <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

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