Castle Primary School
Aim High

Year R
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 2 2026

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Welcome to Year R!

We hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be learning all about 'Me, My Family and My World'. Below is an overview of what we will be learning across the curriculum.

Literacy – Reading

We will continue to share a wide range of stories and use the language from the stories when discussing them.

We will learn new vocabulary, sequence stories and answer questions to show our understanding.



Literacy – Writing

We will begin to write lower case letters using kinetic letters. We will learn to form the letters in our name and identify individual letter sounds (e.g. c, a, t). We will also begin to write simple words and short sentences.





Mathematics

We will be matching, sorting and comparing objects.

We will look at 2D and 3D shapes, recognise and name numbers to 5, and begin to understand one more and one less. We will use a range of resources to develop our mathematical thinking.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to build friendships, learn to share and take turns and show kindness and respect.

We will explore our feelings, learn routines and try new activities, becoming more confident and independent.

Our Topic: Me, My Family and My World



Understanding the World

We will be finding out about our families and the people who are special to us.

We will explore different celebrations, traditions and cultures, including Christmas.

We will also explore the natural world around us.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring a range of materials and learning how to use them to create our own artwork. We will experiment with paint, glue and collage and talk about what we are making, We will also enjoy music, singing and movement and begin to explore rhythm using simple instruments.





Physical Development

We will be using large muscle movements such as running, jumping and climbing to build our strength and coordination. We will also develop our fine motor skills using dough, construction and mark making activities.

We will be doing indoor athletics.





Communication and Language

We will be talking about our families, sharing our ideas and listening carefully to others. We will learn new vocabulary, ask questions and take part in conversations.





Working together for your child's success

How you can help your child at home...

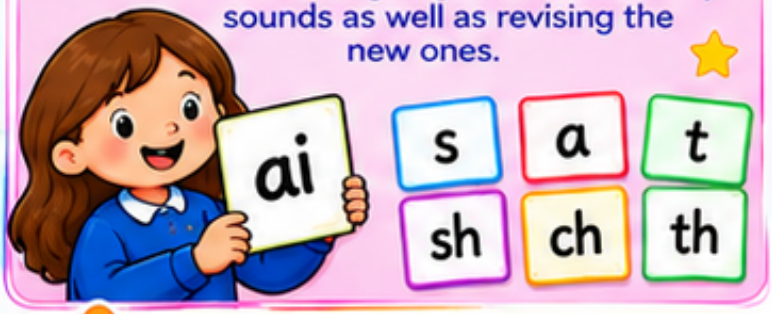
Small steps make a big difference!

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Supporting your child with Phonics and Reading

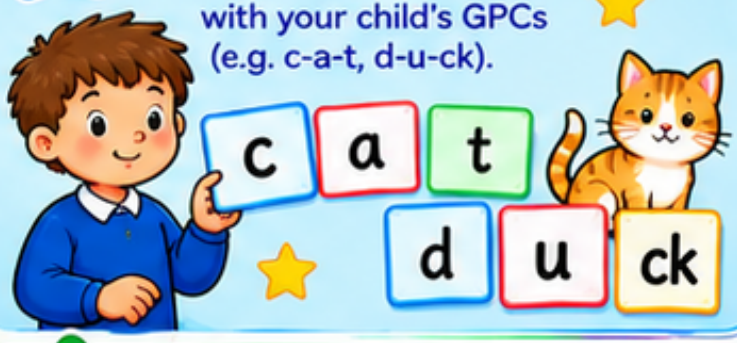
1 Keep practising your child's GPCs (new sounds)

with them, going back to the early sounds as well as revising the new ones.



2 Practise making and reading words

with your child's GPCs (e.g. c-a-t, d-u-ck).



3 Read your child's Little Wandle book

with them every day from Wednesday to Monday.



4 Use the weekly homework sheets

to help your child to go over the week's learning including their tricky words.



Share stories together

- Read a range of books and talk about the pictures and what might happen next.
- Ask questions about the story and encourage your child to use full sentences.
- Talk about the characters, settings and how they might be feeling.



Talk, listen and play

- Spend time talking with your child about their day.
- Encourage them to listen carefully and take turns when speaking.
- Use new vocabulary and ask open questions (e.g. What do you think? How do you know?).



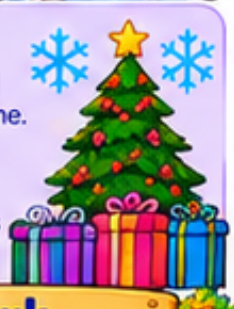
Explore maths in everyday life

- Count objects around the house (e.g. stairs, toys, plates).
- Talk about shapes you can see and use words like big, small, more, fewer, and the same.
- Use everyday opportunities to compare and sort objects.



Celebrate our world

- Talk about your family and any special events or celebrations you have at home.
- Look at photos and talk about people who are special to you.
- Talk about different celebrations, such as Christmas, and how they are celebrated.



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