



Reception Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Reception!

We hope you all had an enjoyable time over the Summer holiday and are keen to begin your journey at Elston Hall! The first few weeks of your time at school are very important; we will focus on settling into the routines of Reception as well as making new friends and learning the all important school rules. Our learning takes place through a variety of adult and child led sessions, stemming from our termly thematic topics.

Communication and Language

As one of the Prime Areas of Learning, Communication and Language is at the heart of all our learning. At every opportunity, staff are working with children to develop their speaking, listening, attention and understanding skills. Through listening to stories, taking part in Circle Time, playing games, following instructions, children will be given the skills, development, and opportunity to express themselves effectively.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through PSHE lessons and all areas of the Early Years curriculum, children will develop their skills surrounding managing themselves, self-regulation and building relationships. As well as separate PSHE lessons, children will use stories and Circle Time to explore their thoughts, feelings and emotions.

Physical Development

Children receive 2x taught sessions of PE each week and have daily access to our outdoor learning environment, allowing their gross and fine motor skills to be refined. The children will also improve their fine motor skills by taking part in daily fine motor activities such as cutting, threading and dough disco activities as well as daily handwriting practise.

Wild Tribe

Children will take part in woodland activities every week. The children will need a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat available on this day.



Literacy and Phonics

Children will begin to develop their phonic knowledge and understanding through the introduction of Floppy's Phonics.



They will use their phonic knowledge to identify initial sounds within words as well as begin to segment and blend phonemes to read simple words. Within Literacy, we will learn to recognise and write our names as well as practise the formation of different letters.

Maths

As budding mathematicians, children will be learning all about numbers in detail using a mastery maths approach. We will learn to recognise the composition of numbers as well as look at how they are made using number bonds. We will practise counting forwards and backwards to 10, as well as subitising amounts to 5. Within Reception we like our Maths learning to be practical and fun using apparatus such as Numicon, cubes, tens frames and small toys.



Topic

During our first term, we will begin our learning through our topic 'Humpty and Friends!', where we will be learning lots of Nursery Rhymes and will use them as a foundation for our learning.

We will also spend some time learning about special cultural celebrations including Diwali and Bonfire Night as part of our topic for the second part of the term 'Tell us a Story'. We will also be taking part this year in 'World Nursery Rhyme' Week with an Inspiration Day and a whole week celebrating this important event. We will complete the autumn term by learning about the celebration of Christmas.

