



# Nimrod Nippers

## Reception Term 1 Overview

Hello from the Reception team! We hope everyone is settling in well to school life. We have been busy learning our classroom routines and getting to know each other. Term 1 is going to be an exciting and busy term!

### English

In English the focus will be on developing the phonological awareness skills of rhyme, syllables and letter sound knowledge. Students will be working towards recognising the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make.

In writing we will be learning to write lower case letters and our names. Through shared reading and writing experiences we will recognise the features of a sentence and begin to sequence descriptive sentences. Our text type focus is Narratives, which we will explore through oral retellings.



Reading experiences form a large component of our day. Through shared reading we will begin to develop students reading skills e.g. concepts of print, understanding of how books work, following a text and using illustrations to make meaning. We will be gradually introducing and working with the first 25 sight words from the Oxford Wordlist.

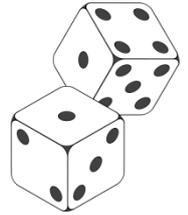
Further information about take home reading books and sight words will be sent home in the coming weeks.

### Maths

In Maths our focus will be on Number Sense. Students will be engaging in a range of experiences to establish an understanding of the language and processes of counting.

We will begin building students' foundation for mental computation strategies through

focusing on subitising. This is the ability to instantly recognise the amount of objects in a small collection without counting, for example the number of dots on a dice.



Students will be working towards subitising to 10, counting in sequence and making connections between numerals, number names and quantities to 10.

### Science

In Science we will be learning about the weather and how daily and seasonal changes in our environment affect everyday life.



### History and Geography

Our theme for History and Geography is 'All About Me'. In History we will be sharing about ourselves as we get to know each other. In Geography we will be exploring the places we belong to, beginning with our school.

### Child Protective Curriculum

The topic for this term is 'The Right To Be Safe'. We will be learning about identifying our feelings, safe and unsafe situations, warning signs and risk taking.

### Technologies

Digital and Design technologies are integrated throughout learning experiences across all areas. Students will have frequent opportunities to engage with the smartboard, use scissors and staplers in making experiences.

Please see you child's teacher if you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards, The Reception Team  
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