



Shenley Primary School
Early Years - Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Information Page 2025 - 2026



In **Literacy**, we will be exploring stories about people who are special to us and stories with a rhyming pattern. We will be creating our own book about special people in our lives and discuss what makes them special. We will also be creating books, which use rhyming words and words with a pattern. E.g. bug, rug, dug.

In **Maths**, we are starting an exciting new project with NCETM. As part of this project, we will be developing our fluency in calculations and flexibility with number that demonstrates good number sense.

We will be learning to: **Subitise, Count, Compare**

We will be learning about: **The composition of numbers, Ordinality, and developing our number fact knowledge.**

In **Understanding the World** this term, we will be learning about different celebrations in our community. We will be learning about Birthdays, Fireworks Night, Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas. We will find out about how people celebrate and why these times are special. We will also continue to explore the natural world through are weekly Forest School sessions.



Communication and Language: As part of our communication and language learning, we will be talking about celebrations, people and times that are special to us. We will also be retelling stories and exploring our experiences using our own words.

Personal, Social and Emotional: This half term the Jigsaw theme is '**Celebrating Difference**'. In this topic, we will be discussing how we are special and people who are special to us. We will be learning about how to solve problems with our friends and making sure we use kind words.

We will also be learning about firework safety.

In **Phonics** sessions, **Reception** will begin learning single letter sounds and how to blend them together in line with the '**Read Write Inc.**' curriculum.

Reading books will be changed on a **Friday**.

Nursery will explore environmental and body percussion sounds. They will begin to follow rhythmic patterns and copy simple sounds and beats.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will be using a range of different media to create firework pictures, poppies for Remembrance Day, and Christmas crafts alongside our opened ended continuous provision learning opportunities.

In Music, we will be exploring music from different cultures and celebrations. We will also be learning songs and practising for our Christmas production.

Physical Development: In PE, we be starting gymnastics. We will explore moving in range different ways, thinking about making high and low shapes. In our second topic 'ball skills – feet' we will be exploring different ways of using our feet to move with a ball. **Our PE day is Thursday.**





Shenley Primary School

Early Years - Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Information Page 2025 - 2026

General information

School doors open at **8.45am** and close at **8:55am**. The register is taken at **9:00am**

Morning Nursery finishes at **11:45am** – children are collected at the back door in the carpark.

Nursery '**Lunch Club**' sessions finish at **12:45pm** and can be booked via Arbor/the school office – children are collected at the back door in the carpark.

The school day finishes at **3:15pm** – children are collected at the classroom door. Morning Nursery children can book afternoon sessions via Arbor/the school office.

Please provide your child with a **water bottle** (clearly named). **Fruit and milk** will be available for children during the day. Please ensure you have made staff aware of any allergies.

Children must wear correct uniform to school which can be found here: https://www.shenleyprimary.co.uk/_site/data/files/migrated/school-uniform/school-uniform-2024-25-website.pdf

Our Forest School day is Wednesday

Our PE day is Thursday

Our Library day is Friday – all children will bring home a library book to share at home. Please bring it back each Friday so it can be changed.

Dates for your diary

Individual School Photos – Tuesday 4th November 2025

PTA Disco – Friday 7th November 2025 (EYFS, 1, 2 & 3 3:30pm – 4:45pm)

Anti Bullying Week – Odd Sock Day – Monday 10th November

Children in Need Day (wear something spotty) – Friday 14th November 2025

EYFS Stay and Learn and Non-Uniform PTA Raffle Prize – Thursday 27th November 2025

EYFS and KS1 Production 'It's a Party!' – Tuesday 9th December (1:30pm – 2:10pm)

Christmas Panto – Thursday 11th December 2025 (1pm – 3pm)

PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 12th December 2025

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – Wednesday 17th December 2025

Class Christmas Parties – Thursday 18th December 2025

Last Day – 2pm Finish – Friday 19th December 2025

Homework

Day set: **Friday** Day due: **Friday**

Reception children will bring home a reading book and reading record as well as letter cards of the sounds we have been learning. Please read with your child and practise recognising the letter cards at least **4 times a week**.

Useful websites

Parents' guide to Read Write Inc Phonics: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Oxford Owl Guide to pronouncing letter sounds:
https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2016/05/05/20/22/32/561/20097_content/index.html?id=ae

Phonics Play: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> (Phase 1 and 2 Games)

White Rose Maths, Parents Information: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths>