



Puffins Class Autumn Term 2026



Curriculum Guide

Welcome to Puffins Class! We hope you find this guide helpful for the term ahead and look forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming weeks. Thank you so much for your support with our transition visits and for completing the 'All About Me' books.

Our Learning This Term: Theme - All About Me!

- **Personal, Social & Emotional Development:** We will focus on helping children settle in, feel happy and build independence. Together, we will create our class rules, learn how to make new friends, and explore our feelings and needs.
- **Physical Development:** Children will build gross motor skills using our outdoor area and brand-new climbing frame, alongside daily fine motor activities to support pencil control. They will also have a weekly structured PE session focused on games and fundamental skills with Mr O' Dell.
- **Communication & Language:** Through play and structured activities, children will explore new vocabulary, practice listening attentively to stories, and answer questions about narratives.
- **Literacy:** Daily phonics sessions will focus on blending and segmenting sounds for reading and spelling. Children will also practice writing their names alongside simple labels and captions.
- **Mathematics:** We will develop practical counting and number recognition up to 10 and beyond. Children will also explore 2D shapes, patterns, symmetry, and everyday mathematical vocabulary.
- **Understanding the World:** Through exploration and observation, children will learn about their community, environment, and technology—starting by sharing stories about themselves, their families, and their interests.
- **Expressive Arts & Design:** Children will experiment with a variety of materials and creative mediums through hands-on art, music, movement, role-play, and simple design projects.

Google Classroom

We will use Google Classroom to share photos and updates from special events in class. It is also a fantastic way for you to share your child's "wow" learning moments from home so we can celebrate them in school! Children love seeing their home achievements shared on our big screen, and this home-school partnership really supports their progress.

Important Information



Meet the Team

Miss Springall - Class Teacher,

Teaching assistants - Mrs Maddox, Miss Hudson, Mrs Crowe

- Monday:** Miss Springall and Mrs Maddox
- Library Books changed
 - Percy Puffin due back (more info to follow)
 - New Little Wandle reading book

Tuesday: Miss Springall and Mrs Maddox

Wednesday: Miss Springall, Mrs Maddox(am), Miss Hudson (pm)

- Thursday:** Miss Springall and Miss Hudson
- PE with Mr O' Dell - please wear full PE kit to school each week

Friday: Miss Springall and Miss Hudson

Please make sure that all items of school uniform and PE kit are named and that children have a named water bottle in school.

Home Reading & Phonics

Daily reading together is vital for fostering a love of language and learning. We recommend spending about 10 minutes each day sharing your child's reading book.

- **Phonics in Action:** Encourage your child to spot letter sounds in the environment around them (such as on street signs, menus, or posters). We will be starting with the sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k.

Library Day

Every Monday, the children will visit the school library with Mrs. Nowland and Mrs Maddox to choose a book to keep for the week, which should be returned the following Monday.

Home Reading Books

Your child will initially bring home wordless picture books to encourage conversation, storytelling, and vocabulary development. Talking together about the pictures is a vital first step in learning to read!

Questions & Support

If you have any questions about your child's routine, learning, or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff at the end of the day or get in touch!

