



# Reception:

## Essential Knowledge

By the end of this topic children will:

- Learn how to use different materials for a planned effect
- Be exposed to different writing styles and have an opportunity to show phonic knowledge
- Understand how to keep safe when using a range of technology
- Be able to work as a team to complete games

### Sensational Start

The children will find an abandoned hot air balloon on the school field.  
How did it get there? Who does it belong to?

### Extraordinary Extra

The children will create and fly their own kite.

### Fabulous Finish

The children will enjoy jumping up, up and away on the bouncy castle.

### Key Dates:

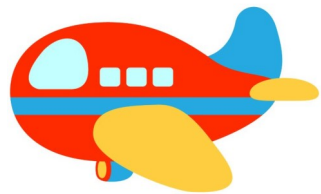
Stay and Play dates  
Parents evening

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Literacy and C and L

There will be lots of writing opportunities, name writing on passports, writing post-cards to our family, writing packing lists and writing about different holiday scenes. The children will also learn and write about air transport.

Key Texts— The Wright Brothers  
Hello World! Planes and other flying machines  
The great balloon hullabaloo  
Airports



Personal, Social and Emotional

The children will talk about road safety and how to keep yourself safe when you are out. We will talk about our favourite animal and explain why we like it. The children will discuss ways we can stay safe on bonfire night. We will talk about world kindness day and why it is important to be kind. We will talk about some of our own worries and how we can help someone who is worried. The children will talk about why the holidays are special.

Understanding the World

. The children will learn how to keep safe when using the internet (YouTube). The children will mix colours and see how they change. The children will have a look at google maps and zoom in on our school . We will talk about transport from the past. And the present. We will talk about animals from around the world. The children will talk about Christmas and why people celebrate it.



Physical Development

The children will learn about spatial awareness and how to find a space in the hall. We will focus on movement and moving around the hall carefully. The children will also be introduced to various team games. We will focus on pencil grip and control. The children will be encouraged to use the scissors with more accuracy.



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Expressive Arts and  
Design

The children will make their own aeroplanes. We will use different materials to create our own parachute men. The children will create their very own blow painting bonfire pictures. The children will use clay to create a hot air balloon. We will draw, design and make a Christmas bauble.



Maths

The children will represent, compare and understand the composition of numbers. We will focus on one more and one less. The children will talk about and use positional language. We will talk about different shapes. The children will gain an awareness of different times of the day.



Outdoor Learning  
Sessions

The children will hunt for and identify different living creatures in our school environment.

