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## What will my child be learning in Reception?

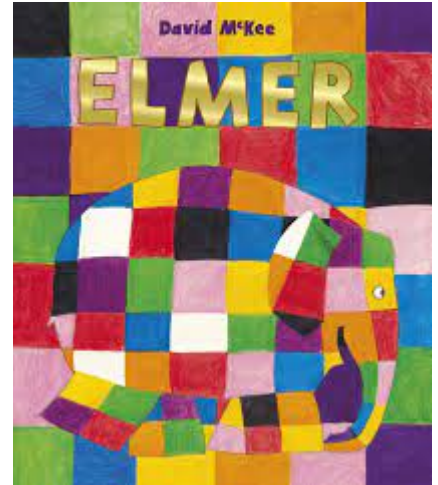
Welcome to Reception! Our class names are RVR Turtles and RLF Sealions. We have an exciting year planned for your child - it's been lovely to get to know them and to see them settling in.

Please ensure that your child brings in their school planners every day in a book bag or bag. We will update reading books weekly unless requested to do so again.

Please feel free to read to your child at home. You can help them by going through their sound sheets, sight words and reading. Please sign the planner to let us know how they are getting on.

The planner can also be used if you need to communicate anything to us by writing a message in the current week or you can send a message on Seesaw.

P.E. is on a Thursday in Reception and they do not have to wear a PE kit.



### The Big Ideas

Each year, your child's learning will be linked into the Big Ideas. This helps the children to develop their understanding into meaningful units which are based around a key question. The Big Ideas the children will revisit each year are:

Identity and Culture Conflict and Resolution Environment and Sustainability

Health and Wellness Technology and Innovation



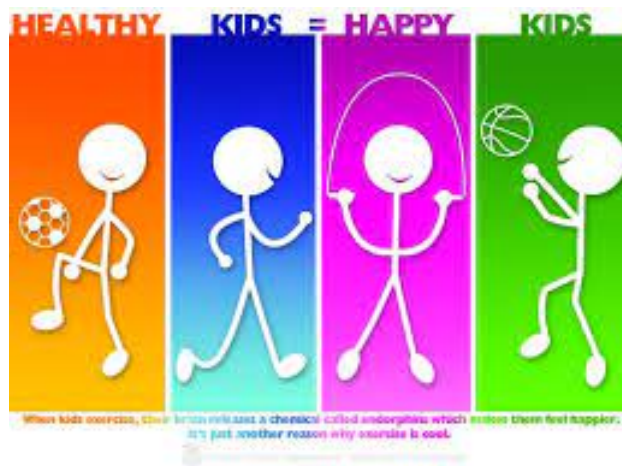
### Identity and Culture

Children will think about themselves and who is around them. We will think about what they look like and practice their pencil control to draw self-portraits. We will consider who is in their family and who they live with. We will begin to explore where we live and how this varies from person to person. We will think about the types of housing that we live in and look at the similarities and differences within our close community.



## Conflict and Resolution

In the second half of the Autumn Term, we will explore the similarities and differences between us and another country, Turkey. We will be taking part in lots of food tasting and comparing food from England to food from Turkey. We will look at different types of music and compare this with music from England. We are very lucky to have links within the school to Turkey. We will take part in a google meet with a school from Turkey to see how our school day compares to theirs. We will finally think about Christmas in Turkey and make comparisons between how they celebrate there and how we celebrate here. We will also be learning the story of the Nativity. We will learn songs and perform this to our families.



## Health and Wellness

In the first half of the spring term we are going to think about everything that makes us fit and healthy! We will be spending lots of time exercising our bodies and minds. We will think about the kind of foods we want to eat to keep us feeling healthy and full of energy! We will take part in lots of cooking where we will learn to make healthy snacks/meals. We will also learn some breathing techniques and also some yoga!



## Environment and Sustainability

In the second half of the spring term we are going to be looking again at our wider community and think about some things that we can do to keep our environment clean and safe. We will investigate recycling and take part in a litter picking clean up! We will develop an understanding of plants and explore the different parts of a plant. We are even going to grow our own plants to look after and care for!



### Conflict and Resolution

At the beginning of the summer term we are going to be focusing on developing those really important personal, social and emotional skills and thinking about how we can be a really kind person. We will create our very own books about being kind and will share this with our families. We are going to look at the similarities and differences between us and our friends and develop an understanding of what we can do to be kind to the people around us.

We look forward to working with yourselves and your children this year. If you have any questions about the Big Ideas please feel free to talk to us.

Kind regards

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