



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1—2026/2027

Notices/Reminders

Please ensure all clothes are labelled as this helps when the children are changing for PE.

PE kits will come home at half term to be washed.

We go outside every day so it is important that your child comes to school with suitable clothing such as a coat and hat and gloves if necessary.

Key Dates

Phonics Workshop with Stay & Play (attend 1)

Wednesday 30th September 9– 10am

Friday 2nd October 2-3pm

Nativity dates:

Tuesday 8th December 2.15-3pm

Thursday 10th December 2.15-3pm

Communication and Language

Our topic this half term is '**Me in my World**' and this will support us as a theme to focus on developing our oracy skills. We will do this during both whole class and small group activities. We will make it fun by playing games, listening to stories and learning poems and songs.

Physical Development

The children will focus on developing both their gross and fine motor skills to help them develop their strength and co-ordination. They will use the climbing frame, large construction and balance bikes. They will also use a range of tools such as pencils, paintbrushes and scissors.

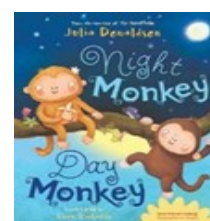
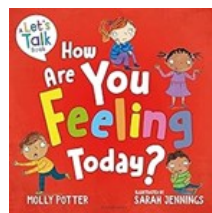
In our P.E. lessons the focus is on following instructions and balancing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This half-term we will be settling into school and learning the routines. Our focus will be on developing friendships and talking about our feelings. We will also try new things and talk about the importance of perseverance. Our Jigsaw lessons and the introduction of our '**READY**' vision will support this learning.

Suggested Books for Reading



Literacy



Using Read Write Inc (RWI) phonics program the children are introduced to the set 1 sounds. Lessons focus on speed sounds for decoding and segmenting. The activities in this half term are designed to help children blend sounds to read simple words. When the children can orally blend and recognise enough sounds they will bring home a book to practise at home. There will be more information about this in our phonics presentation and workshops. To enhance and embed a love of stories, the children will spend time sharing stories and orally telling their own stories.

Mathematics

This half-term maths will include the following areas:

Mastering number activities that focus on subitising, cardinality and ordinality.

Match, Sort and Compare: The children will find and group objects which match and investigate different ways of grouping them.

Measure and Pattern: The children will compare the size, mass and capacity of different objects.

We will share stories and explore number and pattern practically in both our indoor and outdoor environments.



Understanding the World

The children will be thinking about how they have changed as they have grown, talking about what they can do now compared to what they could do in the past. They will be thinking about their families and how old they are in comparison to other family members.



We will be exploring seasonal change and having fun making observations.



Expressive Arts and Design

In music the children will be exploring sound using their voices and instruments. They will learn to differentiate between different sounds. The children will also use instruments to explore the different sounds that they make.

In art the children will learn about transient art and explore the environmental art of Andy Goldsworthy.



What you can do to help at home

- Sharing stories regularly will help to build vocabulary skills as well as a love of books and reading.
- Practice oral blending and 'FRED' talk. See the presentation to get support with this.
- Have fun noticing autumnal change. Can your child spot patterns in nature? Can they subitise objects? This is knowing quantity (up to 5) without counting.