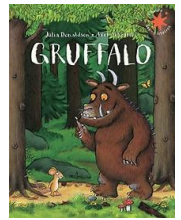


Reception Curriculum Details ~ Spring 2 2026

Welcome back to school! We hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The school year seems to be flying by - we are now over half way through it!

After marking Shrove Tuesday, when we will be reading 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' by Jan Fearnley, we will begin our new topic: The Smartest Gruffalo on the Broom. This is a celebration of Julia Donaldson's stories with a focus on characters, settings and plot - key elements of any story. We will end the half term with a trip to the Queenswood Gruffalo Trail on **Tuesday 24th March**.

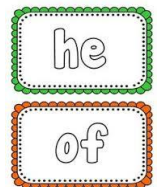


As Easter approaches, we will be reading the Easter story and the children will learn of its significance to Christians.



In Maths, we will be focusing on the comparison of numbers (including using the language of less/fewer than), the composition of numbers within 10 and doubles; the fact that some numbers can be made with two equal parts. Throughout the half-term we will also be learning about 3D shapes; the children will identify 3D shapes by name, sort them, describe their properties and explore 3D shapes in the environment.

The children are now confidently recognising many of the common exception ('tricky') words. **Please continue to play games with the words on the sheets which have been sent home to help the children build up a good sight vocabulary.** Do ask for replacements if they have been mislaid. The time you spend reinforcing the words at home is invaluable. Two further sets of six words will come home this half term.



In Phonics, the children will be learning one new grapheme each week; oa, oo, oo, and ar. We will put a sticker in the children's reading record each Monday to share the focus grapheme. Thank you for all of your support with reading at home. We know it can be a lot to regularly read but it is making a huge difference and we are very proud of how well the children's progress.

Outdoor 'Welly Wednesday' activities continue weekly. The children love taking their learning outside! We will be observing seasonal changes and looking out for the first signs of Spring. Please ensure WW kits are in school each Wednesday.



PE sessions continue to take place on **Tuesdays** this half term with Bumblebees. Our Get Set for PE Unit is 'Ball Skills'. Lessons will continue to take place in the hall unless it becomes a lot drier. **PE kits will be kept in school until Easter.**

'Show and Tell' takes place every Friday. The children are welcome to bring one item from home to show the rest of the class in circle time. Please continue to ensure this item will fit inside their bookbag. Every effort is made to keep things safe, but please don't send in anything too large, delicate or precious!

Dates for your diary: Thursday 5th March is World Book Day - all children come to school dressed as a book character on this day. We will be holding our special Mothering Sunday Assembly (with contributions from the children in Reception) in the school Hall on **Wednesday 11th March** at 8:55am; parents and families of Reception children are invited to join us. Parents' Evening will be held on **Tuesday 24th March**. All are welcome to attend our Easter Eucharist service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Broadwas on **Wednesday 25th March** at 9.15am. Further details will be circulated shortly.



As always, if you have any concerns, no matter how small, please do speak to one of us before or after school or email reception@broadwas.worcs.sch.uk.

We are looking forward to a busy five weeks in the run up to Easter!

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