

Reception Curriculum Details ~ Spring 1 2026

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and that the children are returning to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Our topic this half term is Space. We will begin with the story of Beegu, by Alexis Deacon, before completing two Jane Considine Units; How To Catch A Star by Oliver Jeffers, and Space Tortoise by Ross Montgomery. Our Art and craft activities will link to our Space topic.



Our RE Unit is 'Being Special: Where do we belong?' Please look out for a star sheet which the children will be bringing home this week. We would be grateful if you could complete and return this by next Wednesday, 13th January.

Each day we have a carpet session with a Maths focus. We are following the Mastering Number Scheme focusing on numbers up to 10 and also have White Rose lessons on Fridays covering length, height and time. Please use the laminated number formation sheet to enable the children to practise writing these numbers independently.



There are a few more tricky words that the children need to learn to read by sight. They will come home in groups of six. We hope you will also be able to revisit words from last term as you play the games together. Please continue to record reading done at home in the children's reading diaries. Books are changed on Mondays and Thursdays.

Re-reading the same book really helps the children develop confidence and fluency.



Phonics this term is a little bit different. We will continue to have daily phonics lessons, but from Week 3, we will learn one new sound each week. Children will practise letter formation often and use their phonic knowledge to write with increasing independence.

Please do encourage the children to 'sound out' words and write at home, ensuring they use the correct lower-case letter formation.

The children will resume 'Welly Wednesday' outdoor activities on **Wednesday 13th January**. As



the weather is colder, please ensure the children bring a hat and gloves, along with a waterproof to school. We will observe seasonal changes and will venture out whatever the weather (with the exception of high winds). Hot chocolate is our treat when we get back into school after chilly Winter Wednesdays!

PE will usually take place on Tuesday but as timetables can change, please ensure PE kits are kept in school. Our Get Set for PE unit is all about expressive movement while travelling, which we will enjoy alongside Bumblebees.

'Show and Tell' will take place on Fridays. Children are welcome to bring one item from home to show the rest of the class in circle time. Please ensure the item fits in a bookbag. Every effort is made to keep things safe, but please do not send in anything too precious!

In PSHE, our focus is 'Keeping Myself Safe' and our work will include an introduction to Internet safety on Safer Internet Day (10th February 2026).



Dates for your diary: Advance notice... **Thursday 5th March** is World Book Day - all children come to school dressed as a book character on this day!

Parent-Teacher meetings are scheduled to take place in the second half of the Spring Term but please do not wait until then if you have any concerns, no matter how small.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term!

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