

Reception Curriculum Details ~ Autumn 2 2025

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! Our new overarching theme is 'Celebrations'. Following our week learning about Diwali, through a range of quality texts, we will be exploring a number of festivals and key events, including birthdays and weddings. We will be learning about the Christmas story and its significance to Christians. Please see our 'Reception Knowledge Organiser' for more details.

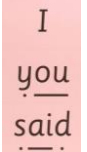


Each day we have a Maths focused carpet session. In number, the children will be counting, using the language of more/fewer (less) and exploring the composition of numbers to 5. They will also be learning about shapes with 4 sides, using positional language, and comparing and ordering according to weight and capacity.

We will be continuing with daily Phonics lessons (using FFT phonics) and Shared Reading sessions. The children are using and applying their phonic knowledge well. Thank you for all your support with this at home. PhonicsPlay and 'Teach Your Monster to Read - First Steps' are fun ways to reinforce their learning. The children have started their monsters' journeys at school - do use the link on our class webpage to access both sites!



Children change the books in their book bag on Mondays and Thursdays. Please continue to record reading at home in the yellow reading diary. Children should read their school reading book daily to develop confidence and fluency. It is great to hear the children segmenting so well and being able to tackle the phonetically regular words independently. Later this term, 'red' (tricky) words will be introduced in our Shared Reading books. These will come home as flash cards to support the children with their reading. Unfortunately they cannot be 'sounded out' and have to be recognised on sight.



The children are enjoying their Welly Wednesday (outdoor learning) sessions each week. They will continue to observe seasonal changes and will be out in all weathers! Please make sure your child has a warm top, gloves and a hat (as well as waterproofs) in their WW bag on Wednesdays as the weather gets colder.



Our GetSet4PE unit this half term will develop the children's basic gymnastic skills on the floor and apparatus. They will copy, create and repeat short sequences and begin to understand using levels and directions when travelling and balancing.

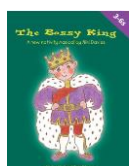
'Show and Tell' takes place every Friday. The children are welcome to bring one item (in their book bag) from home to talk about and show the rest of the class in circle time. Every effort is made to keep things safe, but please don't send in anything too precious!

Dates for your diary...



After our visit to the Swan Theatre to see 'The Gruffalo's Child', we have one further school trip planned for later this term. On **Tuesday 9th December**, Reception will spend the morning at Longlands Farm, Whitbourne, where they will re-enact the Nativity with real animals. A letter about this will be coming home shortly.

We are looking forward to our annual Reception/Key Stage 1 Christmas production. Performances of 'The Bossy King' (by Mark and Helen Johnson) will take place in the school Hall at **1.30pm on Wednesday 10th and 2pm on Thursday 11th December**. Look out for ticket information and ensure you book your seats!



Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns, no matter how small. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term leading up to Christmas!

Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Smith

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