



Our topic this term ...

This half term the children in Reception will be looking at fairy tales and traditional tales. The children will be developing their communication and language skills through storytelling. The stories we will be focussing on are:

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- The Three Little Pigs
- Little Red Riding Hood

The children will also be learning about the Lunar New Year and discussing why some people celebrate this festival.

We will explore map drawing and comparing different areas around us and in the world.

If you have anything linked to these topics please feel free to bring it in.



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Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2026

Happy New Year! We hope you've had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed spending time at home together. We are ready to kick start the new year with a bang with lots of exciting learning taking place. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous Christmas gifts, we felt very loved and appreciated!

Ms Ezinwa, Mrs Stasinopoulos, Ms Nye and Mrs Simpson

Important Dates

Monday 2nd February – Mental Health Awareness week

Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th February – Wellbeing Café

Friday 6th February – Bingo Night (FoR)

Saturday 7th February – Raglan Swap Shop

9th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th February – Parents' Evening

Half Term

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Mathematics

This term we will be comparing numbers up to 5, exploring the composition of 4 and 5, making pairs and combining two groups. The children will also continue to count to 20. We will compare length, height, mass and capacity and learn about time.

Phonics

In our **phonics sessions**, we will focus on mastering Phase 3 sounds and learning common exception words. We will also practise reading and writing simple phrases and sentences.

Reception key information

- P.E takes place every Monday and Wednesday for Lions and Monkeys. Children will need to continue to come into school in their full kit which includes; navy shorts/ jogging bottoms/leggings, navy t. shirt and plimsolls/trainers that are labelled.
- Outdoor Learning will continue to take place on a Tuesday for Monkeys and on a Thursday for Lions. Children will need to come in to school dressed in their PE kit for their allocated session. Outdoor Learning sessions will commence in the week beginning Monday 12th January 2026.

How can you help at home?



- Practising reading and writing CVC words (e.g. cat, top, peg) and the Phase 2 common exception words at home with your child. You could use post-its, magnetic letters or your Mark Making Book.
- Encourage your child to count forwards and backwards up to 20 and beyond.
- Continue to promote a love of reading and encourage your child to retell stories in their own words and to begin to answer questions about the story. **Ensure that you are reading the books that are sent home each week and recording it in their Reading Journal.**
- Develop your child's independence and self help skills by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves.
- We would be grateful if you could donate £1 for our consumables that resource our messy and malleable play.
- Please continue to share your child's achievements with the EYFS team by sending any 'WOW' moments' in with your child. If you need any WOW moment sheets please speak to a member in the EYFS team.

Useful websites

Numberblocks- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Phonics Play - <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Topmarks - search for Early Years - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>