



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

Please hear your child read at least 5 times a week.

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

Communication and Language

For Communication and Language this half term, the children will be learning what a question is and how to answer it in a full sentence. They will be learning how to follow two-step instructions consistently. They will also be taught how to perform to others by learning an unfamiliar nursery rhyme and a variety of Christmas songs.



Key dates

November

- Mon 2nd –Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- Mon 2nd - Yr R height and weight measurements
- Tues 3rd - PERFORM drama workshops
- Thurs 12th – Friends Meeting
- Fri 13th– Children in Need
- Tues 17th – 9am Parent phonics session.
- Fri 20th - Year R Zoolab
- Fri 20th – School Disco
- Fri 27th - Crazy Hair Day (for Christmas Fair tombola donation)

December

- Fri 4th - Christmas Fair
- Mon 7th – 9am Nativity performance
- Tues 8th - Pied Piper Theatre visit
- Weds 9th - Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day and Phyllis Tuckwell reindeer run
- Fri 19th - last day of term, early 1.15pm finish
- *CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - 21st December to 1st January* (back to school Mon 4th January)

Physical Development

This half term, the children will be focusing on making anti-clockwise movements whilst they are mark making and drawing. They will be taught letter formation to assist with writing their name. They will consolidate scissor skills by cutting straight lines and zig-zags. Finally, they will begin to hold a knife correctly and will be encouraged to cut food with support. In P.E lessons, the children will be focusing on balance. They will be travelling in different ways using their knowledge of jumping and then freezing in different balance poses.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

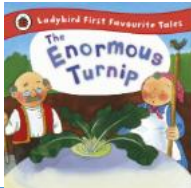
This half term, the children will continue to think about emotions particularly looking at scared and excited. They will think about what makes a good friend and how this can be put into practice in the classroom. They will find out about dressing for the weather and learn about how to do zips and buttons independently.



Literacy

The children will continue to practise and embed the phonic sounds that they have learnt so far and begin to learn digraphs (two letters that make one sound e.g. sh, ch).

The children will be exploring traditional tales this half term. They will learn the stories through actions and text maps. The children will begin to use their phonic knowledge to write labels and captions.



Mathematics

This term, the children will be understanding the composition of numbers to five. They will be using different mathematical objects and concrete resources to help them represent these numbers. They will also be exploring and naming 2D shapes and seeing if they can identify shapes in their Reception environment.



Understanding the World

This half term, the children will be learning about Guy Fawkes and discussing safe ways to enjoy fireworks and bonfires. They will explore the meaning of Remembrance Day; why we wear poppies and how we honour those who served. The children will observe seasonal changes through a winter walk and activities and compare this with autumn. They will learn about celebrations and why Christmas is special and how it's celebrated in different ways.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will develop their creativity and design skills through cooking, mark making and exploring different joining techniques. They will learn to work safely and hygienically while creating and making. Throughout the term, the children will apply these skills to design and make a Diva lamp and a Christmas ornament.



Homework

Home learning is on Tapestry and a hard copy is put into the children's bags. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any further questions.

Please hear your child read five times a week.

Suggested books for reading

