



# Reception Newsletter



## Spring 1 2026



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After a busy half term in school, we hope you all had a fabulous and restful Christmas break. Thank you for all your support in the Autumn term. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for the Spring term.

**Here is some of the fantastic learning in Reception last term**



## Diary Dates

11/2: 3pm: Book café—come into school and share a book with your child

13/2: INSET day for the whole school

### PE

PE is on Mondays.

### Book bags

Please bring in your book bags everyday

### Wow moments

Attached to our newsletter is a WOW moment card. This is for you to celebrate any new learning or skills that you have seen your child achieve at home.

Please fill in the card and return it to school so we can celebrate with the children.

### Tooth Train

The children will be taking part in the tooth train each afternoon, brushing their teeth for 2 minutes. If you have yet to complete the consent form please speak to one of the teachers.

### Newsletter challenge

Together with your child complete the questions on the newsletter. Tick them off as you complete them.

## Reading

The children have been working hard with their reading in phonics. We will continue to send home books, new letter sounds and tricky words to practise at home with you.

Please try to read with your child at least 4 times and tick on the home reading sheet.

We will also be sending home a story book for you to read with them.

## Personal and social development

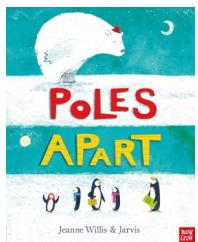
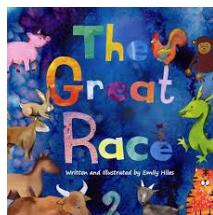
The children will continue to be supported to use the Zones of Regulation.

They will be talking about what they are good at and what they would like to get

## Physical development

The children will be developing their fine motor control and focusing on forming 'long legged giraffe' letters (l,i,t,u,j,y)

In PE sessions the focus is on building simple games.



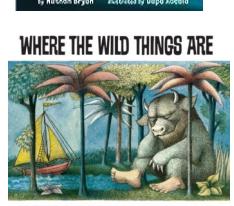
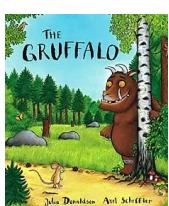
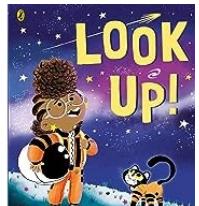
## Maths

The children will continue to explore ways of making numbers up to 5 and beyond, talking about the ways they have made. They will also practise subitising to 5.

Can you spot any patterns of 4 or 5 at home or when you are at the park?



## Our Super Six books for this half term



Can you retell your favourite story?



## Communication and language

This term we will be learning and using new vocabulary to describe and talk about different environments.

The children will be encouraged to use explain their thinking

## Literacy

During this term we will be listening to a range of stories about different celebrations and talking about what happened in the story and how it may link to our own experiences.

### Phonics

In phonics this term the learning will be focusing on learning digraphs, these are 2 letters that make one sound, e.g. ee as in bee and ai as in pail.

Each week we will send home information on what the children have learnt that week.

Can you read the tricky words?

he me she we be



## Expressive Arts and design

The children will explore different ways of mixing paint, making it lighter, darker, thicker and thinner.

In Music they will be exploring and responding to different ways of making sounds.

## Understanding the World

The children will be talking about different places, from stories and our local area.

They will be exploring programmable toys called beebots, finding out how to program it to move.

Can you make a map from your house to school?

