



Reception

Spring 2

February 2025

Reception News

Welcome back to a new half term. We cannot believe we are now mid way through Reception and we are so proud of what the children have achieved so far. They have such an enthusiasm for learning and are developing valuable learning behaviours everyday. It is wonderful to see the children truly persevering and concentrating in order to reach their next step.

We have continued to increase independence when writing captions and simple sentences and the children experienced a variety of writing opportunities based around our story 'Don't Wake Up the Bear'. We had some wonderful character descriptions, demonstrating a wide vocabulary of our characters as well as the setting from the story. All of the children loved learning to retell the story with actions and performing to some of you.

Last half term we looked closely at numbers to 8. We compared them using the language 'more than' and 'fewer than' and explored different ways of making a given number. Within this, we covered addition and subtraction and built up the children's visual representations of numbers by using a variety of objects, dice patterns and Numicon shapes. We learnt about measuring. We used the balancing scales to compare the weight of different objects and began to use non standard measurements. We also explored capacity, length and height.

During our topic on The Wonders of Winter, Reception learnt about the different animals that hibernate during the winter. They had lots of interesting questions to explore and began to compare their similarities and differences. We also continued to learn about and celebrate different ways of life, including how Chinese New Year is celebrated. We were impressed with how they used their own experiences of special occasions and celebrations to compare the similarities and differences.

We have been really focusing on the love of reading this half term as well as working hard on the phonic skills the children need to read their own reading books. As always, if you have any concerns or queries, do come to the door to speak to us or to book an informal appointment. Please do come and see us if there is anything troubling you or just for a brief word about your child's day!

Many thanks,

Miss Kaye, Mrs Bruce & Mrs Redondo

Just a reminder:

Reading at home

Books will be changed throughout the week but please do keep them in the book bag as it gives the adults flexibility to read with everyone.

We expect parents to hear their children read **at least 3 times a week**. This will enable children to become confident with the book they have for the week.

Please record in your child's reading record when you have heard them read at home.

Naming clothes

Please ensure **all** clothing has your child's name, including PE kits, shoes and socks. Please also check you have the correct items as sometimes clothing can get swapped.

Library

We aim for children to change their library books on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please continue to read with your children, asking comprehension questions and enjoying the book together.

Other

If you have any leftover art supplies, clean recycling to use as junk modelling (anything you think we could repurpose) please bring them to school. Thank you!

If you feel you would like to come and visit us and tell us about your job, we would love to have you! This is a wonderful way for children to learn about the world around us.

Week	Key Topics for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1 24.02.25-28.02.25	Writing instructions Exploring colour - Kandinsky	St David's 1 st March Thursday 27.02 - Pause Day 'Eid'
Week 2 03.03.25-07.03.25	Introducing focus text - 'Whatever Next' Signs of Spring	Tuesday 04.03 - Shrove Tuesday Wednesday 05.03 - Ash Wednesday Thursday 06.03 - World Book Day
Week 3 10.03.25-14.03.25	Whatever Next Writing a story - Tales Toolkit	Science Week Tuesday 11.03 - Class photographs
Week 4 17.03.25-21.03.25	Science experiments Easter Story	Friday 17.03 - St Patrick's Day
Week 5 24.03.25-28.03.25	Poems Easter Story EAD - New skill - Sewing	TBC - Theatre workshop Friday 21.03 - World Poetry Day Sunday 10.03 - Mother's Day
Week 6 31.03.25-04.04.25	Easter Story EAD - Easter craft	Wednesday 02.04, 14.15-15.00 - Easter craft with parents Friday 04.04 at 13.30 - last day of term