



Reception

AUTUMN 2



Robins and Woodpeckers News

We've enjoyed a wonderful first half term together in Reception. We have concentrated on 'having a go' and persevering with a task and then being able to feel proud of our efforts.

We read the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' and the children explored the story's characters, setting, problem and solution. We also broke the story down and looked at the structure, beginning, middle and end in detail.

We have been busy learning the first set of sounds in Phonics. We will complete the set now that we are back and continue to blend and segment short words to read and write. Later in the term, some of us will begin to learn the next set of sounds. In our writing we will begin to write short words and then link them together, writing two or three word captions e.g. 'the hot dog'. In our Maths learning we have been representing numbers to 3 in a variety of ways and have begun to look at one more and one less of a given number. We have recognised, continued and created our own repeating patterns.

We thought about the people who are special to us and explored our new school and the Rainbow Promise. The children pledged to show love, care and respect for each other as part of our class family, as well as trying hard to always do our best. We also explored the story of Noah's Ark, and discussed the Rainbow Promise God made to us. As always, if you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Redondo, Mrs Bruce & Miss Bean

Owl Learning Values

Challenge	Optimism
Collaboration	Pride
Independence	Perseverance
Managing Distractions	



Rainbow Values

Forgiveness	Love
Patience	Honesty
Support	Respect
Kindness & Joy	Peace



Reminders

Coats/Cardigans/Jumpers: Please remember to check the weather, and bring a coat/cardigan/jumper for your child on days particularly when the weather may be cooler or forecast to rain.

Water bottles: Your child can help themselves to drinking water throughout the session so please remember to supply a named water bottle. Please also talk to your child about the importance of drinking.

Labels: Please remember to keep checking all items of clothing and any bags or bottles are named. We continue to find items that are not named. If you are missing something, please look in our lost property box outside the classrooms.

Jewellery: Jewellery should not be worn at school. Only stud earrings should be worn at any time.

Library: Please remember to bring library books to school on Wednesday. Each week your child will bring home a book from school to share.

Reading folders: Please make sure the reading folders are always in your child's school bag so as to give us flexibility to be able to read with all the children during the week.



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Our Term

Reception Autumn Term 2: Let's Celebrate!

Week	Suggested Contexts for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1 03.11-07.11	Story – 'The Little Red Hen'. Autumn – changes in the environment Firework Safety Create Rockets Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot -Timelines	Wed 5 th Nov – Bonfire Night Fri 7 th Nov—Scholastic Book Fair Fri 7 th Nov – Non uniform day – Number Day
Week 2 10.11-14.11	Story – 'The Little Red Hen'. Learn the story Whole School Friendship Week /Antibullying week Armistice Day and Remembrance Create Poppies	Mon 10 th – Wear Odd socks for odd sock Day Tue 11 th Nov - Armistice Day Fri 14 th Nov – Be A Buddy Pledge Day, non-uniform day
Week 3 17.11-21.11	Story – 'The Little Red Hen'. Sequencing and retelling. Bread making	Fri 22 nd Nov – PTA non uniform day for Tombola
Week 4 24.11-28.11	Advent The Christmas Story	Fri 28 th Nov – Pause Day – Parents invited to make a craft with their children after drop off till 10.00. Fri 28 th Nov – Reindeer visit. Fri 28 th Nov – Start of Reverse Advent Calendar
Week 5 01.12-05.12	The Christmas Story Christmas Songs and Dances	Fri 5 th Dec – Winter Fair
Week 6 08.12-12.12	The Christmas Story Christmas Performances Christmas Decorations	Tue 9 th Dec – Christmas Performance pm 9.30 am Weds 10 th Dec –Christmas Performance am 2 pm Thu 11 th Dec- Christmas Lunch Fri 12 th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
Week 7 15.12-19.12	The Christmas Story Christmas crafts	Fri 20 th – Last Day of term 1.30pm



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5 Top Tips to Support Your Child This Half-Term

1. Practise putting on and taking off their coat independently including doing up zips and buttons.
2. Encourage your child to put on their own gloves (last!).
3. Continue to read with your child and practise their sounds as often as possible.
4. Encourage your child to practise their name writing with the correct letter formation.
5. Praise your child if they have found something tricky as they are building their perseverance skills.