Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027

Notices and Reminders

- All clothes to be named
- Water in water bottles



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

Monday 2nd November – School term starts

Wednesday 4th November – Harvest Festival

Friday 13th November – School Disco

Monday 16th November – Flu Vaccinations

Monday 16th November – Year R and 6 Measurement check

Friday 27th November – Stay and Read

Friday 4th December - Christmas Jumper Friday (Children may wear a festive jumper instead of their usual school jumper or cardigan)

Saturday 5th December – HLSA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 8th December (9.15am) - YR Nativity to parents

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Friday

Monday 14th December – Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Run

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Friday and Last Day of Term

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.

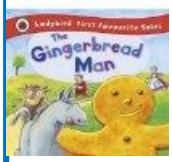


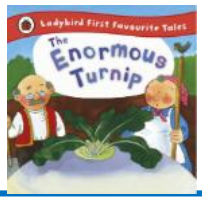


Literacy

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

- Reading daily- ELS book
- Phonics- learning of sounds
- Reading for pleasure- story sack activity



Suggested books for reading





