

# Reception Newsletter



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Our school values

### We promise to be...

**Respectful** (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and Caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners)

### This week

- We introduced toast as part of our snack routine to encourage independence, the use of technology, fine motor and keeping our bodies ready to learn. The children listened fantastically to the safety instructions and are enjoying this new routine in our classroom.
- The children visited the library and can now borrow a library book. This will be a new routine whereby the children need to bring their library books every Tuesday to then visit the library to choose a new book.
- We have been talking about winter, and children have been spotting the signs of winter- thinking about the clothes we wear, the weather, animals in winter.

### Next week

#### **We will..**

-be continuing our learning about winter so it would be fantastic if you get the chance to go on a wintry walk and talk about the clothes you are wearing and things you spot.

**Phonics** – Our new **graphemes** (letters) and **phonemes** (sounds)

**ar-** the far star

**ur-** turn in the surf

**oo-** scoop with a spoon

**or** – order some popcorn

#### **Harder to read and spell words:**

*These are words that do not use a phonetic code - we cannot sound them out and blend to read. We just have to see them and read them.*

**they, all, was, are**

### **Important dates**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February-** NSPCC number day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February-** Break up for half term

### **Other bits:**

**Zips** – Please keep encouraging your child to practice zipping their own coat. This is a really important school that promotes their independence and saves lots of time in class!

**Named Clothing** – Please check that all items of school clothing are clearly named and that names have not faded in the washing machine. This is especially important now that we are changing for PE to ensure the children dress in their own clothes!

**Spare clothes** – We only have a limited set of spare clothes for children to borrow so please ensure your child has a set of spare clothes in school especially pants, socks and tights. Thank you

#### **Routines**

**Library books** in and out on a **Tuesday**

**Phonics folders** – back into school on a **Wednesday** and home on a **Friday**

**Reading books** to be returned to school on **Thursday** New book sent home on **Friday**.

Please sign our child's reading record to show us that the book is finished