

Reception Newsletter



Friday 23rd 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

Understanding the world (UW) – We have continued to learn about **Winter** and have learnt about **hibernation** and some of the animals that hibernate in the cold **winter** months. We have used the story “Don’t hog the hedge!” to help develop our understanding of this concept.

Maths – The children have been exploring the numbers **6, 7** and **8**. We have learnt to write each of the numerals and have identified the amounts that each of these numbers represents. Maybe the children could see where they can find these numbers at home?

Literacy – This week we have begun to read the book “**Stanley’s Stick**” by John Hegley. The main character, Stanley, has a special stick that he pretends is other things such as a trumpet or fishing rod. The children have enjoyed searching for interesting sticks off all shapes and sizes and are looking forward to more ‘sticky’ learning next week!

Next week

We will..

-be continuing our learning about sticks. If you get the chance to ‘Go on a stick hunt’ and find some weird and wonderful sticks, we would love to have them in school. The children will be on the lookout for thin sticks, thick sticks, long sticks, short sticks, mossy sticks, straight or curvy sticks and the ultimate find a wibbly wobbly stick!

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

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ow – prowl and growl **oi** – coin in the soil

ear – clear the smear **air** – a pair in the lair

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.

(No new words this week – keep practising the ones we have learnt!)

Important dates

Friday 6th February- NSPCC number day

Friday 13th 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!

PE Kits – If you have not yet sent your child into school with a PE kit then please do so ASAP. We have a limited number of spare items that we can lend the children, but they are always more comfortable 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

**** words in red are new vocabulary that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child’s language**