

Reception Newsletter



Friday 30th 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 enjoyed this week thinking about places in the world that are cold all the time. We learnt about the Arctic, the North Pole, which is at the top of the world. We were excited to find out which animals live there and surprised that some people live in the Arctic.

Maths – The children have been exploring the concept of addition. We have learnt the symbols + and = and looked at how these are used to create a number sentence i.e $2+2=4$. We have used our fingers, objects and pictures to help us solve number sentences. Maybe the children can have a go at adding 2 groups of objects (under 10) together to find the answer at home?

Literacy – This week we have continued our learning about sticks based on the book “**Stanley’s Stick**” by John Hegley. We have been like the main character Stanley and been creative with sticks – the children added something to a stick to create something else such as wands and fishing rods.

Next week

We will..

-be continuing our learning about the Polar regions. See if you can find out some information about the Arctic or Antarctica and the animals that live there.

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

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ure- – sure it’s the cure **er** – a bitter winter

ow – go slow in the snow

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.

ball, tall

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**