

Reception Newsletter



Friday 6th February 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 the polar regions. This week we have focussed on the **South Pole** or '**Antarctica**'. The children were fascinated that this is the coldest place on earth and like an ice desert.

Maths – The children have been exploring the concept of capacity. We have used the vocabulary '**full**', '**nearly full**', '**half full**', '**nearly empty**' and '**empty**'. We enjoyed filling containers with coloured water to show these amounts, and the children have been checking their own water bottles to see if by the end of the day they can get to empty!

Literacy – This week we have continued our learning about sticks based on the book "**Stanley's Stick**" by John Hegley. We used our imagination to turn a stick into something else using the phrase "It's not a stick it is a". The children have been writing their ideas down too, applying their phonics to sound out the words.

Phonics – There are no new sounds for this week so please continue to practise the sounds in the phonics folder especially the sounds your child finds difficult.

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.

when, what

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.

Important dates

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 skill that promotes their independence and saves lots of time in class!

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. If you do have any extra spare socks we would be very grateful for these in school. 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 development****