

Reception Newsletter



Friday 27th 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 been learning all about Chinese New Year. We enjoyed finding out the story behind the 12 different animals and that this year is the year of the horse. We have been discovering some of the traditions during Chinese New Year and we liked the exchanging of red envelopes containing sweets or money

Maths -The children have been practising their missing number skills. We have been using our number knowledge to say how we know which number is missing e.g. "I know 3 is missing because 3 comes after 2 and before 4". We have been ordering numbers from smallest to biggest and spotting numbers out of order.

PE – We are really enjoying our PE sessions. The children play a fun bean game to warm up which they can tell you about and play at home! We have been using our bodies to move like animals e.g. tall like a giraffe. Today we moved like Chinese dragons twisting, turning and being proud and powerful.

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.

Thank you for coming into our class this week to watch our phonics sessions. We hope it was useful.

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. There are no new words so please keep practising the words we have sent home.

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***

Next week

We will..

-Be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday and we will be looking at books and sharing stories. Perhaps over the weekend it would be nice to share books with your child and let us know on Tapestry which is your child's favourite book and why.

Maybe even visit a library to borrow some books.

Important dates

Monday 2nd and **Thursday 5th**

March- Parents evening

Thursday 5th March – World book day dress up

Wednesday 11th March- Mini Monsters visiting us