

Reception Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

We have a lovely term ahead of us in Reception, with exciting topics planned for the children to enjoy.

Along the way, we will also be exploring a range of special events and celebrations, including World Book Day, International Women's Day, Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter.

Spring 1

Jobs that help us and the community



Throughout this topic, the children will explore the question "What is a job?" and learn about the different roles people have in our community. We will discuss a range of occupations, including jobs that take place during the night, roles that help and support others, and careers that contribute to everyday life. Through these discussions, the children will begin to understand why jobs are important and how the work people do helps to keep our communities safe, healthy and happy.

The children will also have the opportunity to talk about their own interests and think about what they might like to be when they grow up.

Spring 2

Creep, Crawl and Wiggle

Throughout this topic, the children will explore a range of concepts, including changes in the natural world, how to care for plants and animals, the difference between living and non-living things, and life cycles.

We will also be looking forward to some very *eggsiting* visitors after Easter, as we watch our eggs hatch into chicks, helping to bring this learning to life in a real and memorable way.



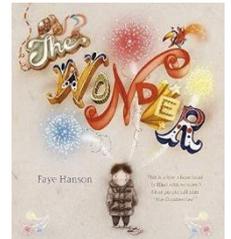
Literacy

The children were very excited to discover a mystery parcel when they returned after the Christmas break. After lots of discussion and using their senses to make predictions about what might be inside, they were thrilled to find a penguin! This led us to wonder where it had come from and sparked lots of curiosity and conversation.

This experience introduced our focus story for the term, *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers, which explores the heart-warming friendship between a boy and a lost penguin.



Our curiosity-led learning will continue into Spring 2 with our next focus book, *The Wonder* by Faye Hanson. This story encourages the children to develop their sense of curiosity and provides opportunities for them to ask questions, explore new ideas, and talk about the things they wonder about.



Phonics

This term in phonics, we will be introducing new sounds and tricky words. Please see below for the specific sounds and words your child will be learning, so you can support their practice at home.

- ai, ee, igh, oa, oo (moon), oo (book), ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er,
- words with double letters (dd, mm, tt, bb, rr, gg, pp, ff)
- words ending in 'ing'

Tricky words: was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure

Please continue to read with your child as often as you can, as this helps to develop their phonics knowledge, build their confidence with reading, and support their early writing skills.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Stubbs