Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 – Week 3 – 20th November 2026

Diary Dates

Friday 27th November – Occasional day
Friday 4th December – Deco day and FTW Christmas Fair (4:30pm onwards)
Wednesday 9th December – Nativity Performance
Friday 18th December – End of Term (finish at 1:30pm)

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week in Reception! In Maths, we have been developing our spatial reasoning and exploring positional language, using actions and hand gestures to help us understand and remember words such as above, below, next to, behind and in front.

Meanwhile, preparations are in full swing for our Christmas Nativity, 'A Little Bird Told Me'! The children are working hard, learning their songs and getting very excited about sharing their performance with you. We can't wait!

This week in Literacy, we continued exploring texts about 'special people' and looked at our new core book "Say Goodbye and Say Hello" which follows a close friendship and what happens when one friend moved away and how she navigated that challenging time. We also explored photographs of the adults 'special people' from class and talked about what makes them special. We then had a go at writing a sentence about our chosen special people and describing them.

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Reception Team

This week we have been learning…

Story of the Week

"Say Goodbye, Say Hello" by Cori Doerrfeld



Phonics

This week the children have explored the following sounds:



ai – wait for the train
ee – bee on my knee
igh – light up the night
oa – float on the moat

Numeracy

This week in maths, we have been developing our spatial reasoning and exploring positional language. The children have been using actions and hand gestures to help them understand and remember words such as *above, below, next to, behind* and *in front*.

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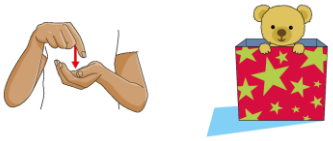

Literacy

This week we have been exploring special people and thinking about how we could write a sentence to describe them.



Home Learning

Practice reading and writing the following tricky words:

we
me
be
push
was
her

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Spare Clothes

Our learning in Reception can get very messy! Mud from our sensory kitchen, water, sand, paint and more! Please ensure to pack plenty of spare tops and bottoms.

Please remember to keep topping up your child's spare clothes bag once they have had an accident. If your child does need to borrow spare clothes from school, please can they be returned as soon as possible.



Winter is Coming

Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for all weather types as the winter approaches. All children must bring a coat to school everyday. They may also bring a hat and gloves as the weather starts to drop. Please practice putting these on and off from home.

If your child comes down with a winter illness, please advise the team as soon as possible, inform us of any medication taken before school, including Calpol and please refrain from sending your child to school if they have had any bouts of vomiting or diarrhoea and keep them at home for 48 hours after their final episode of illness.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Deco Day

Friday 4th December

The festive season is upon us and we are excited to invite you to join your child for a day of festive crafting. Don your Christmas hats and jumpers and join in with all of the jolly fun! Sign up via the form on the Christmas email!



EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 9th December – 9am

Come and join us to watch our EYFS nativity production, 'A Little Bird Told Me'. Please keep an eye on Arbor for more information about tickets.



Writing Challenge

Can you write a sentence about this picture?

