



Half Term Curriculum Overview

Reception Spring 1 2026

Communication, Language & Literacy

- Talk using complete sentences
- Extend sentences by using new words, exciting vocabulary and use words such as 'and' and 'because'
- Learn Phase 3 sounds & digraphs
- Confidently segment & blend to read and begin to write regular words with 3 & 4 letters.
- Read and begin to write the 'Tricky Words' on sight - I, the, to, at, in, is, it, into, no, go, so, and, he, me, be, she, we, was, my, you & they
- Begin to write simple sentences

Mathematics

- Compare and composition of numbers to 7
- Write numbers to 7 using the correct formation
- Shapes with 3 & 4 sides

Understanding the World

- God's World in Winter
- Ice experiments
- Learn how to use programmable toys
- Chinese New Year

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Kindness & sensitivity towards others
- Play sociably and take turns
- Work as a team
- Begin to understand that their actions might affect other children
- Begin to sort out conflicts or adapt their behaviour themselves
- Be actively involved in play and learning
- Link up with adults and children for support without prompting and start to use initiative without always looking to an adult for advice on what to do or getting upset - resilience
- Independence in all aspects of the day - doing things for themselves and helping others
- Independence in thinking - thinking for themselves without adult instruction
- Continue to 'live simply', 'live sustainably' & 'live sustainably'

Expressive Arts

- Famous artist Kandinsky
- Winter art, crafts & cooking
- Listen to and sing songs and rhymes

Physical Development

- Confident fine motor control when cutting, threading, building, colouring and writing
- Hold a pencil using correct tripod grip when writing and colouring
- Form letters and numbers using the correct formation
- Effects of exercise on our bodies, how to be safe, fit and healthy
- Develop confident gross motor control and move in a variety of ways - skipping (without a rope), jumping (2 feet together) and running more quickly
- Gymnastics PE session - Thursday

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- Unit D & B - Christmas & People who Care for Us
- Value & Virtue
- Our Lady of Lourdes feast day 11.02.2026

How to Help at Home / General Information

- Practice their individual reading book daily
- 1000 stories, sound book, tricky word book, regular word flash cards (on class website) & Dictation challenges (information to follow) throughout the week
- Play Phonics Play games online
- Talk with and help your child to develop their grammar and vocabulary