

Reception — Spring 2



The Team

We have a super team to help and support the children on their learning journey.

Mrs Foster -Donaldson Class Teacher.

Miss Sellers - Rosen Class Teacher.

Mrs Baker and Mrs Chambers –Teaching Assistants

Mrs Smedmore will teach Rosen on a Friday.

Welcome to term 4!!

Don't worry if there are tears occasionally—this is completely normal and all of our team are highly experienced in comforting and settling the children quickly once they come into school. Please be aware that our priority will always be the children so if you have a message to pass on please be patient with us and allow us to settle the children through the doors first. Please keep quick messages for drop off and leave any longer messages for pick up after school when we will have more time for the adults.

A polite reminder that toys from home need to stay at home, they are often lost or damaged in school.

The children will play outside in all weathers so please ensure your child has spare clothes which can stay in school, gloves, hats and a warm coat. Please name them, if they have a name, you are more likely to see these items again.

Phonics, Reading and Talk 4 Writing

The children will be taught in Phonics Groups based on their ability, we now join children and teachers in year 1. This allows us to tailor teaching to meet everyone's needs. Some children will be revisiting sounds we have already learnt, others will move on to new sounds. But remember, everyone learns at their own pace.

Please remember to check your child's reading folder as this is where you will find books or sheets to practice.

We would like you to aim for reading at home at least 4 times a week, however every day would be marvellous.

Practice makes progress!

If you read at home you can sign the reading record to let us know you have been practicing. We will change books once a week.

Our story in Talk4Writing (T4W) this term is 'Supertato'. We will learn the story using a story map and make up our own actions. We will talk about the language and repeated refrains and discuss the characters and setting.

Curriculum

We will celebrate The Lunar New Year during our first week.

Then, we will focus on animals. We will be finding out lots about our pets, how to look after pets and what a vet does to help pets.

We will learn about working animals, wild animals and animals from the past.

Mystery Reader

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer as a mystery reader, spaces in March are filling up.

Please ensure EVERY item they bring into school is named—we are unable to help find or return any items without a name.

PLEASE SEND IN A PAIR OF NAMED WELLIES TO STAY IN SCHOOL, WATERPROOF TROUSERS WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME.

Tapestry

Tapestry is the main way we will communicate with families, so please make sure you are checking it to ensure you don't miss something.

We welcome and actively encourage all parents to post the children's achievements, interests and home learning.

Please aim for one post a week.

PE

We will teach PE on Mondays. We focus on our gross motor skills every single day, however on Monday, please send your child to school wearing PE kit for a PE lesson.

