

Understanding of the World

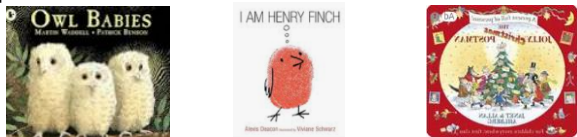
We will talk about special times in our own lives. We will read stories about how different families may celebrate Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.



We will explore differences between old and new toys. We will walk to the Post Office to post letters to Father Christmas. We will draw maps of our route to the Post Office and what we saw along the way. We will learn about nocturnal animals, explore their habitats and how they gather their food for the winter.

Communication & Language and Literacy

We will sequence and re-tell the story of **Owl Babies**. We will act out the story with puppets and find out facts about owls. We will also listen to the story of **I am Henry Finch** and explore the adventures the little bird goes on. We will share **The Jolly Christmas Postman** story to help us get ready to post our lists to Father Christmas.



We will practise correct letter formation using the RWI rhymes. We will learn to write CVC green words by using 'Fred Fingers, Pinch the Sounds'.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop fine motor skills through funky finger activities such as picking up with tweezers, threading, and modelling with clay. We will make marks through tracing and pen disco. We will push and pull skateboards and learn to bounce high on the space hoppers. We will crawl over the tyres and climb on the pirate ship. We will have a go at balancing on our balance bikes too.

Our learning will be focussed around the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The children will play and learn through our Continuous Provision (we call this Discovery Time) in the classroom, outdoor area and school garden and also through adult-led learning activities.

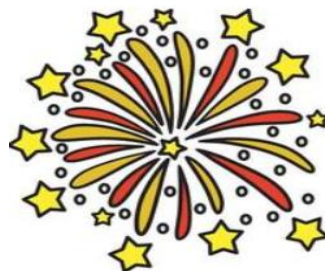
Please bring a named **water bottle**, warm waterproof **coat** and **bookbag** to school every day.

Please have wellies in school under pegs for our outdoor **Welly Wednesday** activities.

Please bring in a **PE kit** which will be kept in school on your child's peg and sent home every half term holiday. We will have PE every Thursday with Mr Croucher, our Sports Coach.

Reception Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 2025

Our topic this half term is
Special Celebrations!



Mathematical Development

We will focus on the numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, learn to count accurately and subitise. We will explore patterns and name 2D shapes. We will learn about composition of number and compare amounts by saying which has more or fewer.



Phonics and Reading



We will continue to learn new letter sounds and also **'Special Friends'** sounds where sounds are made with two letters. Please continue to support your child with the sounds in the little green sound books and use the videos we send home on Seesaw too. We will learn to read **green words** with **'Fred Talk'**.

Reading Books

As the children learn to Fred Talk to read words, they will bring home blending books and then move on to Ditty sheets in a folder and eventually red reading books. Please write in your child's yellow reading record when they practise reading at home.

Social and Emotional Development

Our JIGSAW PSHE theme is all about
Celebrating Differences.

We will explore what we are good at and what we enjoy. We will talk about why we are special and what makes us the same or different. We will also talk about our families and special celebrations in our own lives. We will play games together which help us to make new friends. We will explore how to be a kind friend and how we can share and play together so we are all happy and safe.

We will talk about Remembrance Sunday and why poppies are special.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn rolling and pinching skills to create clay hedgehogs and Diwali Diva lamps. We will explore firework shape patterns with chalk and pastels and also create 3D firework wands and dances.

We will learn to sing, dance and perform Christmas songs. We will also have lots of fun creating wonderful, sparkly Christmas crafts!

