

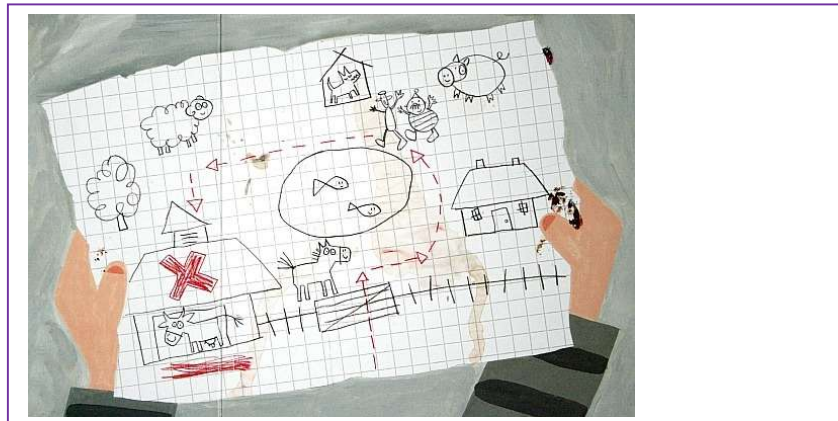
Welcome back to a brand-new year! We are so looking forward to a super start to 2026. Thank you again for your continued support.

Any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff.

Mrs Purshall, Miss Robinson, Mr Overton-Priestley, Mrs Hyde and Mrs Perks.



# Reception Spring 1



## Please can you...

- Name everything clearly
- Bring a water bottle every day
- Bags with spare clothes please leave at school until needed
- No additional bags are needed at school- we will provide a book bag for all children
- Please bring a waterproof coat every day as we go out in all weathers!

## Key Dates

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Half term Break
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Return to school after half term

## Websites

- For phonics support <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>
- Cosmic kids' yoga <https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga>
- Seesaw information <https://web.seesaw.me/familie>

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This half term we will be looking at our own dreams and goals and learning how to stay motivated, what to do if something is challenging and how to develop a positive attitude. This fits in closely with a lot of our school values, specifically perseverance, achievement and resilience.

## **Physical Development**

We will be remembering to use the outdoor equipment safely and carefully and continue to develop the skills needed to when running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. We will also continue to hold a pencil effectively, use scissors independently and gain confidence when drawing.

## **Literacy**

This half term we will be looking at and learning the texts 'Rosie's Walk', and 'Whatever Next'. We will also be reading 'What the ladybird heard', 'Lost and Found' and 'Martha Maps it out' which all have a focus on going on a journey. In phonics, we will be focusing on matching the sounds to letters, oral blending, reading CVC words and finally moving onto reading short captions. Your child's teacher will move them onto the next stage when they are ready. Please keep an eye open for book bags- when your child is ready, we will send a reading book home.

## **Communication and Language**

This half term we will be continuing with to share our ideas with a partner and show that we understand how to be a good listener. We will have lots of opportunities to share our thoughts with the whole class as well as in pairs and small groups. Our teachers will be supporting us to answer questions in full sentences and offer comments that are relevant and thoughtful.

## **Maths**

This term we will be moving onto to developing a deep understanding of numbers from 5-10. We will be subitising small amounts, looking at the composition of amounts to 5 and beyond and explore the order of numbers and what this means. We will be developing our understanding of what 'one more' means when counting out loud and how amounts are represented by numerals.

## **Understanding the World**

There are lots of celebrations and events happening this term that we will be exploring; the RSPC Big bird watch, World Religion day, Safer Internet day, NSPCC Number day and Chinese New Year. We will also be continuing with lots of things from our Curriculum Promise such as exploring the artists Richard Long and Jackson Pollock, the composer Vivaldi and the authors Oliver Jeffers and Julia Donaldson.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

The skills we will be developing this half term are drawing with accuracy, tearing paper, wrapping using a range of media, attaching with glue, tape or pipe cleaners and selecting an appropriate colour for a purpose. We will continue to act out stories using props and actions as well as learning a range of seasonal songs for spring time.