



# Reception Class Newsletter

## Spring 1 2026

### Welcome and Special Announcements

It is lovely to see all of the Reception children return to school after the Christmas break. We hope you all enjoyed valuable family time together over the festive period.

This term is another exciting one. The themes for the next half term are linked to our special book, "Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek."

#### Your Reception Staff are:

Mrs Greene, Miss Llewellyn,  
Mrs Healey, Mrs Drake,  
Miss Taylor, Mrs Keighley,  
Mrs Harris, Mrs Tinsley  
Miss Layton and Mrs  
Robertson

### Our Learning this term

#### Read, Write, Inc Phonics

This term, we will continue to work in small phonics group linked to our phonic scheme, Read, Write, Inc. The children will continue to recognise sounds speedily and use these to support their reading skills and writing. Phonics meeting for parents is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### Other Learning

Please encourage your child to use a knife and fork when they eat their meals and to practise cutting. When they have finished their meal, they should put their cutlery side by side on their plate.

#### Our theme this half term:

Journeys and maps

Other themes:

Jungle

Crocodiles

Caves

Transport

Habitats

Camouflage

Friendships

#### Our special book:



How to Hold a Pencil



#### Writing

Please continue to support your child to write and recognise their own name. Once they can write their first name, practise their surname. This term we want the children to start writing simple words and simple sentences on their own, using the sounds that they know.

#### MATHS

This term we are continuing to work with numbers up to 10 and how they can be split into 2 parts. We will be identifying equal and unequal sets of objects. We will be learning how to double numbers to 5 and how they are two equal groups. Please continue to support your child to recognise numbers in the environment, look for shapes and patterns and count objects in everyday life.

#### Measurement

We will also be learning how to measure things, starting with weighing and exploring capacity. We will be using vocabulary that compares height and length and talking about the passing of time: days of the week, daily routines, morning, afternoon, evening and night.

### Key Information This Term

We are working hard with the children to get them to fasten their own zips and buttons, especially in this cold weather!

School closes for half term:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

We return:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

During the final week of this half term, we will be finding out about different celebrations and festivals including Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.

Here is a link to our special book:

[Zoey's story time](#) | [Educational](#) | [Fun](#) | [Let's all creep through crocodile creek - YouTube](#)