

# Reception

December 2025



“ Early Years Foundation Stage:  
Where the difference made can  
impact a lifetime! ”

## This half term in Reception

This half term in Reception has been full of wonderful learning and super stories! We began by exploring one of our favourite books 'The Gruffalo' which helped us discover the changes we see in Autumn. The children had great fun acting out the story and even made special treats to feed the Gruffalo just so he didn't eat the mouse! We then moved on to the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs,' enjoying lots of role play and building cosy homes for the pigs to live in. As Christmas excitement began to grow, we read a beautiful story about how families prepare for the festive season and learned all about the Nativity. On top of all of this, we still managed to enjoy Diwali Day, Children in Need, and Christmas Jumper Day! After such a busy and joyful half term, we are all ready for a well-earned rest over the Christmas holidays.



## Children In Need



## Diwali Day



## Christmas Jumper Day



## Our Nursery Team

Our Reception team brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to helping children be the very best they can be. We are here to ensure all children feel happy and settled at school. Please talk to them anytime if you need help or support.



Mrs Smith-Hughes  
Assistant Head



Miss Ingleby  
Class Teacher



Mrs Llewellyn  
HLTA



Miss Stanford  
Teaching Assistant

# Spring 1

# Amazing Animals



## Please remember

- Friday's this half term are P.E. Children need to come to school in their full P.E. kit with trainers.
- Homework and home readers are sent home on Friday and need to be returned on a Thursday.
- As it is getting colder please remember children will need a warm coat, a hat and gloves.

## Words to learn

It would be really helpful if the children could begin to learn the following words.

Arctic	patterns
Africa	crawls
cold	slithers
hot	tiny
dry	large
iceberg	skin
stripes	fur
spots	feathers

## Dates for your diary

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January INSET day, no Nursery
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January return to Nursery
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January traditional tales workshop 2pm
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Nursery Storytime
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January Fun with Fred 2.30pm
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February half term week

## Next half term

Next half term is going to be packed with adventure as we learn all about amazing animals from across the globe! We will begin by continuing our Winter learning and travelling all the way to the Arctic, where we'll discover the incredible animals that live in the snow and explore how they survive in such freezing conditions. Then we're off to sunny Africa, diving into the vibrant world of 'Handa's Surprise.' The children will taste the delicious fruits from the story and create their own colourful fruit kebabs! To finish, we'll become nature explorers in our own gardens as we search for wonderful minibeasts. Using poetry, music and performance, we'll bring these tiny creatures to life. It's set to be an exciting half term full of curiosity, creativity and fun!

## Books we will read



'Handa's Surprise'

by Eileen Browne

The journey of a young girl in an African village to visit her friend. Meeting lots of animals on the way!

'Mad About Minibeasts'

by Giles Andreae

A collection of short poems about the minibeasts found in the bottom of the garden

