



## Spring 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term – Reception

Welcome back! It has been so wonderful to see the children returning to school with smiles on their faces. They have been eager to share their stories on what they have been up to during the holidays.

Last term, the children learnt about 'The Seasons.' It was wonderful for the children to see the physical changes throughout the term! The children explored what happens to ice when it melts, animals that hibernate due to the climate and we read many interesting stories relating to this topic.

This term, we are learning about 'Vehicles'. The children will learn about a range of different types of transport such as cars, buses, bicycles, trains, boats and planes. We will learn about each in detail thinking about what it would be like to travel on these forms of transport and when we would choose a certain mode of transport depending on our journey. It is also important to consider how these impact the environment we are living in. We will also be learning about Road Safety and how to be safe as a pedestrian.

### Personal, Social &

### Emotional Development

This term, we will be encouraging the children to look after one another. This will include how to make their friends feel better and how to be sensitive towards one another when someone is upset.

### Communication & Language

This term the children will develop their communication and language skills as they act out a variety of roles relating to vehicles and services such as mechanics, pilots and bus drivers. They will think about and use words such as 'tickets,' 'air,' 'arrivals,' and 'departures.'

### Physical Development

The children will develop their gross-motor skills as they navigate obstacles, steer vehicles and kick and throw balls. We will also be working on balancing and jumping from obstacles too. The children will be using their fine-motor skills to develop a tripod grip during mark-making and using masking tape and a tape dispenser.

### Literacy

We will continue to use Letterland to develop our blending and segmenting skills. The sounds we will be introducing as part of this are: **c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,i,**

Please ensure you are logging in to Letterland each week to read the online reading books that are set for you.

### Maths

This term, the children will be consolidating their learning of numbers to 5 and then moving on to recognising number 6. We will be learning about what numbers make 6. We will be comparing and ordering numbers as well as looking at the language of equal, more and fewer.

### Understanding the World

We will learn about various forms of transport and look at transport from past to present. They will have opportunities to discuss their experiences and make links to the environment and jobs in the community.

### Expressive Arts

We will explore and manipulate a range of materials including playdough and making junk art vehicles linking our fine motor skills. If you have any spare egg cartons and kitchen/toilet roll tubes you are able to donate, we'd really appreciate this! 😊

### Reminders for this half term

- ★ Thank you to those families who are working hard on practising reading and word building at home. Please make sure that you are signing in your child's home school book when you have done some reading at home. Please remember to place your child's reading books and Home School Books in their bookbags daily. Books are changed on Mondays.
- ★ Please ensure your child has **all** winter kit in school including wellington boots and waterproof winter coats – **all clearly labelled with their name please!**
- ★ Grown-ups in golden time: Friday 6th February

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