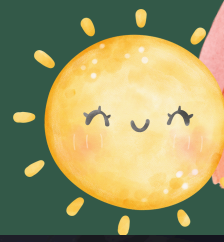


Sunshine & Rainbow NEWSLETTER

24th
October
2025



RECEPTION NATIVITY

We are excited to invite you to our Reception Christmas Nativity performance on Tuesday 9th December at 10am.

Every child has been given a role to play and today will bring home a letter containing information about their role in the Nativity, costume requirements and any songs or lines to learn. The children will need to know their lines off by heart, ready for the performance. Please do spend some time practising over the half term break. We will begin practising after half term. We will be in contact after half term with a date to send in nativity costumes. Thank you!

PHONICS GAMES AND APPS

During parents evening, some of you asked for some recommendations of educational games and apps. Please see below a list of recommendations:

- Phonics Games for the Classroom and Home - Phonics Bloom
- PhonicsPlay
- ictgames - English: 4-5 year olds
- CBeebies Alphablocks
- 'CBeebies Learn' App



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd November - Autumn 2 Term Starts

Friday 7th November - Rockstar Dress Up day

Although Reception and Year 1 do not currently use Times Table Rock Stars, they will be joining in the fun. Children in these year groups can dress up as rock stars too and will enjoy rockstar themed mathematics activities designed to spark their enthusiasm and love for numbers.



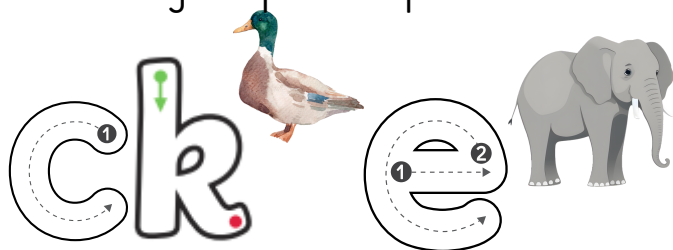
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LITERACY

In Phonics, we will be learning the sounds:

- 'ck' as in duck
- 'e' as in elephant.

Please do spend some time looking at these in your phonics practise book.



MATHS

The children will be:

- Celebrating Sunny Bear and Rainbow Roo's Birthday and they will be turning 5!
- Counting how many candles they need on their cake.
- Adding 5 onto a fives frame
- Counting 5 on our fingers



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD



In November, we will be learning about Remembrance.

This is a special time when we think about the brave soldiers who helped to keep us safe.

We will make our own poppies to help us remember them.

We'll also listen to stories, sing songs, and talk about kindness, peace, and looking after each other.

It's a time to be thankful and to learn how we can help make the world a better place.



ONCE UPON A RHYME...

Next term, our topic will be called Once Upon a Rhyme.



Each week, the children will dive into a different Julia Donaldson story, such as The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom, Zog, Stick Man, The Highway Rat, Tiddler, and The Snail and the Whale.

We'll explore each story by looking at the rhyming words, meeting the characters, and discovering the settings. Our activities—including role play/small world, sensory trays, art, and literacy—will be based around the book of the week.

As we learn about rhyme, we'll also enjoy nursery rhymes and other rhyming books to help build our language and listening skills in a fun and playful way.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SONGS



Away in a Manger



CLICK HERE



Little Donkey



CLICK HERE



Twinkle Twinkle Little Star



CLICK HERE



Sparkle and Shine



CLICK HERE



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We Wish You a Merry Christmas



Have a lovely half term!