



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 7th September 2026

A big warm welcome to you all as we start our first full week in Reception. Thank you to everyone for your support in sending the children to school ready to go. They have really impressed us so far. They all look so smart and grown up.

The children are settling in well, and learning our routines quickly. They are finding their feet in our daily routines and are working hard to learn new skills. We will continue to support this and ensure children have the best start to their year. We will also be starting our Reception Baseline within the next two weeks, please see below for a link to the parent information leaflet regarding this.

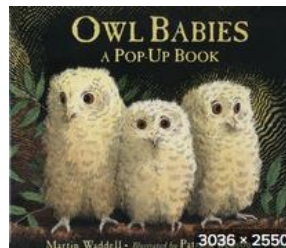
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

Our topic this half term is All About Me and you can find more information on our class page.

There are some ideas for further learning on our class page on the school website if you would like to do some work at home.

Focus Story:

Owl Babies



Maths Focus: How old am I?



- Talk to the children about how old they are, were and will be this year.
- Practise counting to at least 5 by rote.
- Count objects and recognise numbers to 5



Rhyme of the Week:

Chop Chop

Chop chop choppity chop,

Cut off the bottom and cut off the top

What there is left, put in the pot,

Chop chop choppity chop

(Ask your child to perform this with actions)

Story Time

Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Library books can be changed each week in our cloakroom. Come in as often as you need to



This week the children will:

- Learn how to use the resources in our classroom.
- Continue to practise our daily routines such as signing in, writing their names, finding their pegs independently, putting their book bags in the correct place.
- Get changed for PE - we will be encouraging independence at school (You may want to start encouraging this at home to help them further)
- Counting and singing number rhymes each day.
- Listen carefully, respond and join in with our new talk for writing story - Owl Babies
- Talking about our families.
- Making pictures of ourselves and our friends using natural materials.
- Creating faces using playdough
- Using our lollipop characters to tell our 'Owl babies' story
- Practise recognising and then writing our names
- Learn about our classroom rules and expectations.
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing.
- We will start learning our phonic sounds



Monday 7th September - Reception Baseline will be taking place over the next few weeks. Find more information here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

Tuesday 8th September - One life music retreat day. We will have Dan and Emily in school with us all day. Children will take part in singing, prayer and creative activities.

Tuesday 22nd September - Welcome liturgy with Fr Craig in school - **parents are welcome at 3pm**



We have a child in the class with a life threatening nut allergy.

Please ensure that your child does not have any nut products in their lunchboxes. This includes Nutella type sandwich spreads and certain cereal bars for example. It is also important that children have washed their hands before they come into school in the morning.