

Peek at the Week

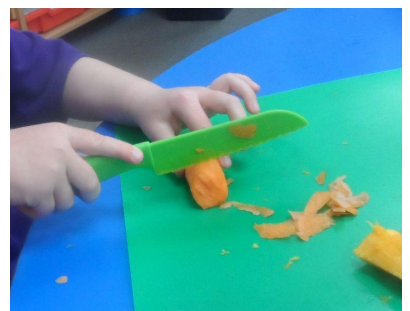


We made Pumpkin Soup!

On Monday the children chopped vegetables, investigated onions and garlic (they didn't have to prepare those). Smelt ground nutmeg, touched and held a whole nutmeg and smelt the vegetable stock cubes.

On Tuesday the children watched a video of the soup being prepared - including the chopping and smashing of the garlic. They watched as the oil was heated, the onions were cooked and the rest of the vegetables were added and mixed in. They saw the vegetables become soft after they had cooked for an hour in stock and as the soup was blended. The comments from the children showed that many of the children obviously help or watch cooking at home - which was lovely to see. To watch the video with your child, please click below.

<https://youtu.be/bQ2DNnBFBOs>





INTRODUCING.....

Mystery Readers!



SHHHHHH.....DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD!

Children LOVE mysteries and they also love their families! We need your help! We have a lovely tradition in Reception. Every week we ask for a family member (Mum, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, Gran, Granddad, older sibling), to come and read a story to their child's class.

Maybe your child's favourite bedtime story?
Maybe a story from your own childhood?
It could be in your home language.

This would be at the end of the day
for no more than 10-15 minutes!



If you would like to volunteer, or just want to know more details, please secretly talk to or email your class teacher.

Remember – DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD! This is to be a surprise for them too!



Handwriting Practice

As we mentioned last week, please practise writing your child's name over the half term. We will be focussing on name writing next half term so they will get a boost by practising with you over the half term break.

It is important that the children form their letters correctly.

Here is a link to the Little Wandle Website where you can download two sheets one is Reception Autumn 1 sounds, and the other is Reception Autumn 2 sounds.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

All the letters that are in your child's name will be there, along with a formation rhyme, which will help your child to form the letters. They do not know all the formation rhymes yet but it will not do them any harm to learn the ones for the letters in their name.

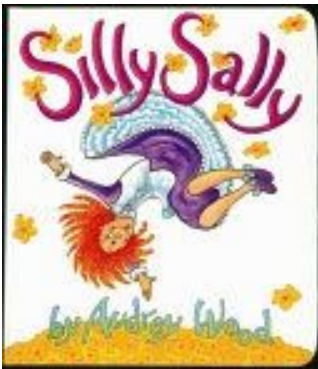
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3-a-day Stories

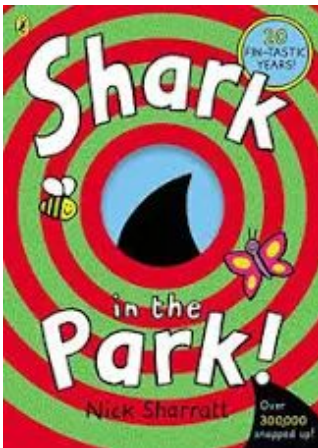
Every half term we focus on three stories which the children learn to recite with us at key points. The stories introduce various story elements such as, repetition and rhyme as well as helping them to learn to tell a story in the correct order.

This half term we are reading :



Silly Sally by Aubrey Wood

Silly Sally went to town, walking backwards, upside down - and that's just the beginning. Come along with Sally and her companions as they parade into town in a most unusual way'



Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt

Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Peep through the die-cut holes in this book to see if you can spy a shark. Is that *really* a shark? Turn the page and find out . . .

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury

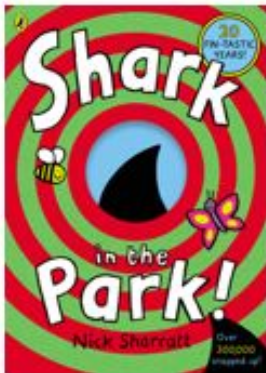


We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael

Rosen Step into the world of the bear hunt and join the family as they swish swash through the grass, splash splosh through the river and squelch squerch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

Three-a-Day Key Vocabulary

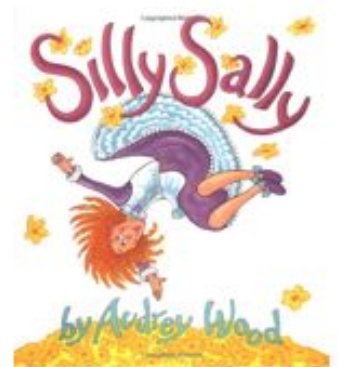
As we read our Three-a-Day stories regularly we will be focusing on teaching the key vocabulary listed below.



Left
Right
Surprise



Deep
Under
Over
Stumble
Swirling
Narrow
Tiptoe



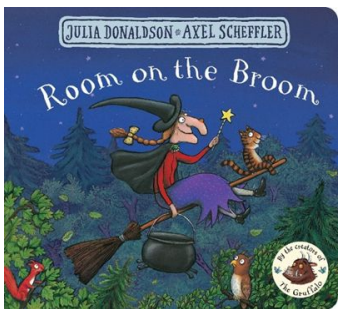
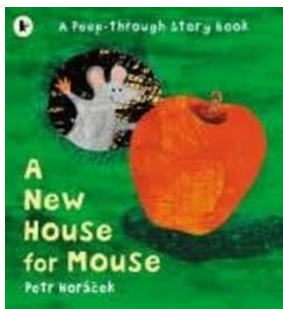
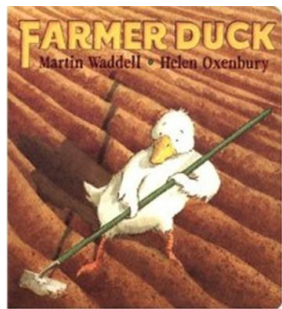
Backwards
Forwards
Upside down
Leaping

Phonics Assessments

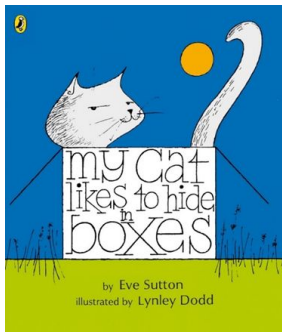
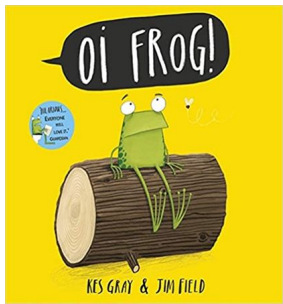
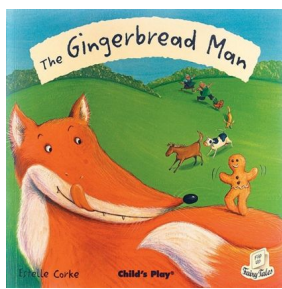
We have been completing our phonics assessments this half term. This highlights which letters your child is able to recall. Your child will be bringing home a highlighted sheet to inform you of their results. Please celebrate their success with them and practise any sounds they require support with. You can find all the letters on the weekly sheets. And please practise blending sounds to read words.

These are the Three a Day stories that Reception will be reading. We will give you more information about each book in the correct half term.

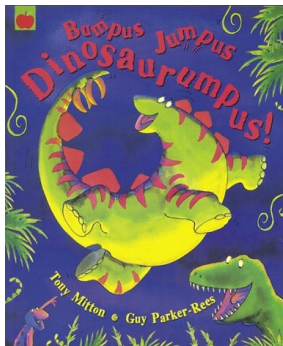
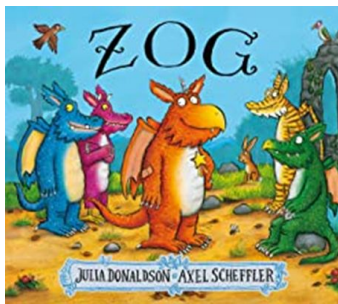
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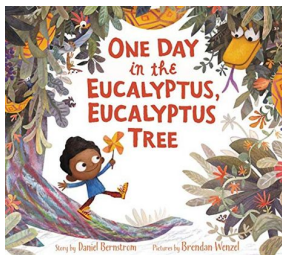
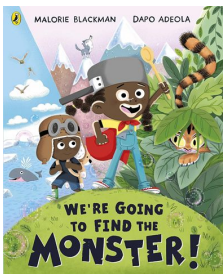
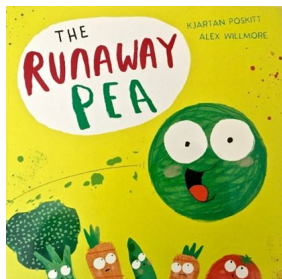
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Summer One



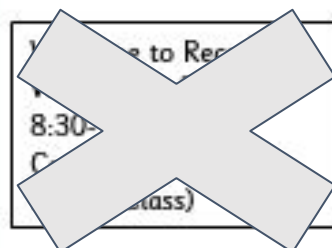
Summer Two



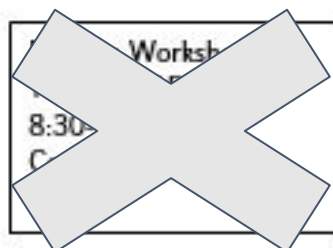
Reception Parent/Carer Events 2026-27



September



October



November

Early Birds: Fine Motor Activities
Tuesday 10th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver Classrooms.

December

Maths Workshop
Thursday 3rd
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

January

Live Phonics
Wednesday 20th
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver Classrooms

February

Writing Workshop
Thursday 11th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 17th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver Classrooms

April

Live Maths Meeting
Thursday 15th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver Classrooms.

May

Proud Moments and Wow Books
Wednesday 5th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver Classrooms

June

Family Reading Celebration
Thursday 17th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver Classrooms

July

Early Birds Summer Holiday Activities
Tuesday 13th
8:30-9:15am

August

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

School Uniform

Please remember that , after the half term holiday, children should be wearing the school winter uniform, not summer dresses. Information on the school uniform can be found here:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=Uniform&pid=62>

School Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

Important Dates - 2026-2027

Half term holiday - Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

First Day Autumn 2 - Monday 2nd November

Early Birds - Fine Motor Activities - 10th November (see Events Calendar)

Nursery Rhyme Dress up Day - Friday 13th November

Individual (and sibling) Photos - Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November

Forest School

The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

Forest School timetable:



November

5 - Bronze

12 - Silver

19 - Bronze

26 - Silver

December

3 - Bronze

10 - Silver

17 - Bronze

Thank you to all the parents who have helped at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more!

Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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