Peek at the Week

Friday 7th November 2026

Celebrating Diwali



This week has been incredibly exciting, as we have been learning all about Diwali.

We read the story 'Rama and Sita – The Story of Diwali' by Malachy Doyle. This story is all about Prince Rama, his wife Sita, and a demon called Ravana. He kidnapped Sita, but Prince Rama defeated him with the help of the Monkey King, Hanuman, and a magical arrow. We have been learning facts about Diwali such as who celebrates Diwali, why Hindus celebrate Diwali, and how Hindus celebrate Diwali.

We had a visit from Mrs Patel, who teaches in Year 1. She told us how her family celebrates Diwali. The children helped to act out the story of Rama and Sita and even made a bridge to help rescue Sita, by joining hands. To finish the celebrations the children used strips of paper and became jumping fireworks!

The children have painted mehndi on hand that they have drawn around and made decorative rangoli designs.



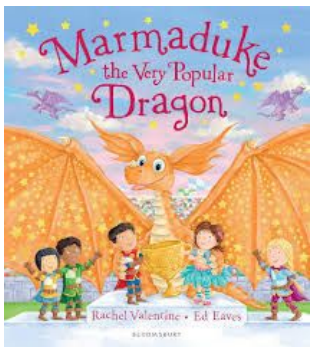
Thank you to all the parents who came to the Fine Motor Early Birds. We hope you enjoyed it and that it provided some ideas to help support your children.

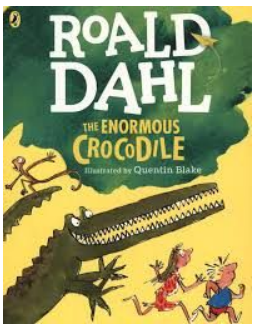
Books and Book Bags

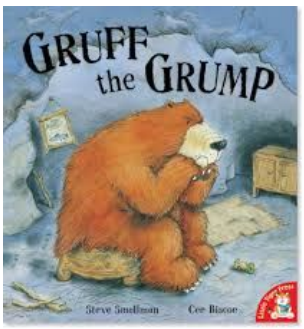
Please keep your children's reading book, library book, and reading record, in your child's book bag. We aim to change reading books on Thursdays and Library Books on Fridays, but, sometimes timetables change and we need to change books on different days. It makes that much easier if the books are always in school.

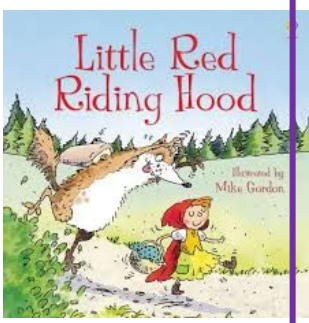
Please read with your child at least 4 times a week, although daily is better!

Reading Records will usually be taken in on Wednesdays to give the children their sticker for reading at least 4 times a week.















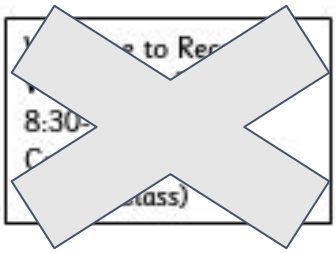
Healthy Eating and Drinking at school

Dorchester school website has a page encouraging healthy eating. Reception children have their fruit snack provided at school. Please note that water bottles should have water in, not squash. The children are encouraged to drink during the day and many refill their bottles at school.

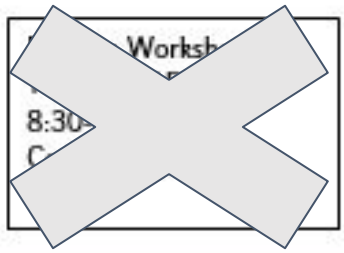


Reception Parent/Carer Events 2026-27

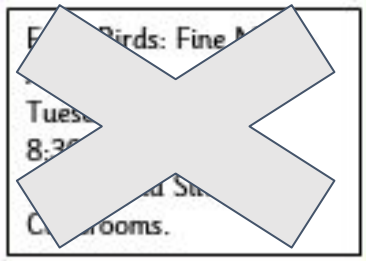
September



October



November



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

Mystery Readers!

SHHHHHH…..DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD!

We have had our first Mystery Readers this week and the children loved it!! Please contact your teacher to volunteer to read a favourite story to your child's class!

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!

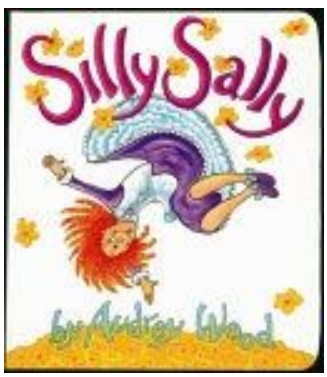




3-a-day Stories

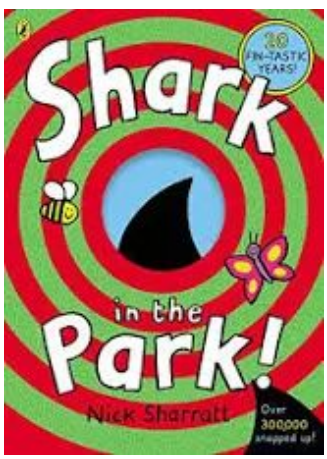
Every half term we focus on three stories which the children learn to recite with us at key points. The stories introduce various story elements such as, repetition and rhyme as well as helping them to learn to tell a story in the correct order.

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 Sharrat

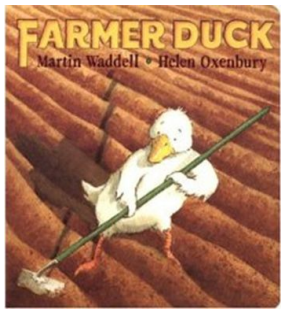
Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Peep through the die-cut holes in this book to see if you can spy a shark. Is that *really* a shark? Turn the page and find out . . .

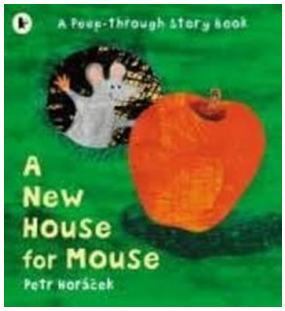


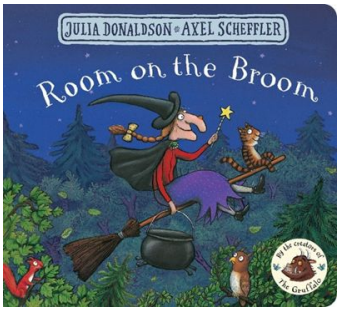
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen Step into the world of the bear hunt and join the family as they swish swash through the grass, splash splosh through the river and squelch squerch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

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.

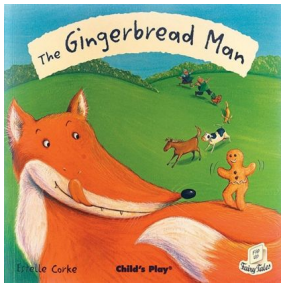
Spring One

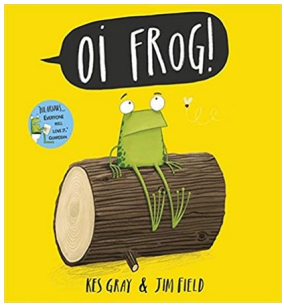


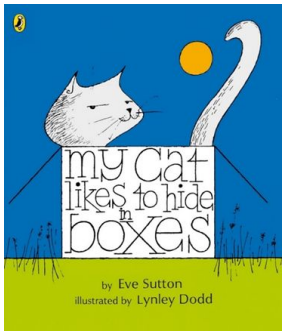




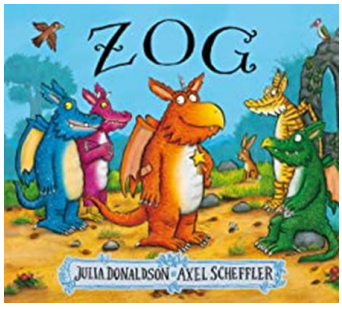
Spring Two

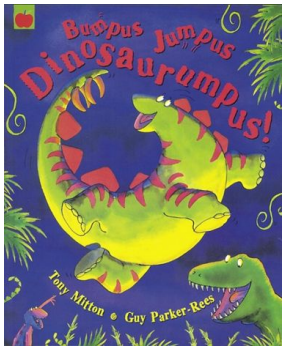


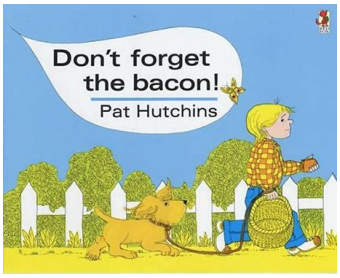




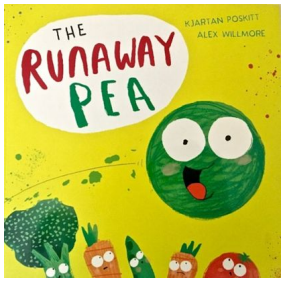
Summer One



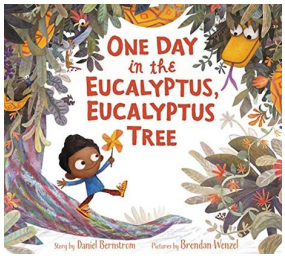




Summer Two







Have you ever heard of the country called Iceland?

Dip and Do

Next week we will be learning about Iceland. We will be 'travelling' there on Wednesday morning, visiting some exciting sites and 'travelling' home at the end of the day.

Where is Iceland?

Can you find it on a map?

How would you get there?

Can you find out something about Iceland to share with us next week?







Important Dates - 2026-2027

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

EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-

Wednesday 16th December- 9:30am

Thursday 17th December- 2:15pm

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

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	December
19 - Bronze	3 - Bronze
26 - Silver	10 - Silver
	17 - Bronze

Thank you to all the parents who have help at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more! You do not need to give us notice. If you are free please turn up.

Contact emails

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

Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class mahmad68@suttonmail.org

Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class trich18@suttonmail.org

Mrs Annabel Glover-EYFS lead/Nursery aglover13@suttonmail.org