

Reception Half Term Overview – Autumn 2 2025

Area of Learning	W.C. 03.11.25	W.C. 10.11.25	W.C. 17.11.25	W.C. 24.11.25	W.C. 01.12.25	W.C. 08.12.25	W.C. 15.12.25
Possible Themes & Core Texts	 Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson	 We're Going on a Leaf by Steve Metzler	 Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson	 Where Do Animals Go in Winter? By Katie Daynes	 Stick Man by Julia Donaldson	 One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth	 We're Going on an Elf Chase by Martha Mumford
Important Dates	Diwali (01.11) Bonfire Night (05.11) Reception Open Day (05.11)	Remembrance Day (11.11) World Nursery Rhyme Week (11.11)	Children in Need (18.11)	Thanksgiving (24.11) Parents Evening (26.11 & 27.11)	Advent (27.11) Christingle (01.12)		Reception Open Day (11.12)
Visits & WOW Experiences		World Nursery Rhyme Week (11.11)			Wizard Learner Assembly (06.12) Christmas Jumper Day (06.12)	Christmas Film Night (10.12) Christmas Panto (07.12)	Reception Christmas Show (10.12 & 12.12) Rock Kids Smiley Bronze Award Reward (16.12) Reception Christmas Part (18.12)
Role Play Area	Home Enhancements - Diwali				Home Enhancements - Christmas	Home Enhancements - Christmas	Home Enhancements - Christmas
CLA	How to listen carefully and why	Discussing key events in stories	Asking and answering 'when' questions	To engage in non-fiction	Retelling a familiar story - Stick Man Puppet Show (ART FOCUS)	How to speak on my own	How to speak on my own
	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: 5 Currant Buns	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: 5 Little Fingers in and out	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: Jack and Jill	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: Hickory Dickory Dock	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: Wheels on the Bus	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: 5 Little Snowmen
PSED	Jigsaw - Celebrating Differences Know how to help if someone is being bullied: I know we are all different but the same in some ways.	Jigsaw - Celebrating Differences Try to solve problems: I can tell you why I think my home is special to me.	Jigsaw - Celebrating Differences Use kind words - I can tell you how to be a kind friend.	Jigsaw - Celebrating Differences Know how to give and receive compliments - I know which words to use to stand up for myself when someone says or does something unkind.	Jigsaw - Dreams and Goals Stay motivated when doing something challenging: I understand that if I persevere I can tackle challenges.	Jigsaw - Dreams and Goals Keep trying even when it is difficult: I can tell you about a time I gave up until I achieved my goal.	

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PD	Gross Motor: Gymnastics - Rocking and Rolling To rock on different parts of my body. To link two movements together. Dance - Seasons To move safely with control To use different movements to show each seasons	Gross Motor: Gymnastics - Rocking and Rolling To use alternate legs when climbing To perform a log and egg roll with control. Dance - Seasons To move safely with control To create movements inspired by a poem	Gross Motor: Gymnastics - Rocking and Rolling To travel with confidence and skill around, under and through. To perform rolls and scissors kicks safely. Dance - Seasons To move safely with control To travel in different ways and with different levels.	Gross Motor: Gymnastics - Rocking and Rolling To roll with safe space around me. To forward roll on the back of my shoulders and land by bending my legs. Dance - Seasons To share ideas with a partner To create 4 movements for our sequence.	Gross Motor: Gymnastics - Rocking and Rolling To climb using alternate feet. To start and finish my sequences in interesting and strong positions. Dance - Seasons To share ideas with a partner To create 4 movements for our sequence.	Gross Motor: Gymnastics - Rocking and Rolling To climb using alternate feet. To start and finish my sequences in interesting and strong positions. Dance - Seasons To share ideas with a partner To create 4 movements for our sequence.	Gross Motor: Gymnastics - Rocking and Rolling To travel with confidence and skill, under, over and through Assessments
	Fine Motor: Drawing Club: Pencil grip and control Dough Disco Squiggle While You Wiggle Handwriting To hold a knife and fork correctly. To begin to use anticlockwise movements and retrace vertical lines. To hold scissors correctly and cut along a straight or zig zagged line. To use a tripod grip when mark making. To write taught letters using correct letter formation.						
Literacy	I can use my phonics knowledge to write CVC words. Room on the Broom - Characters and Key Items	I can use my phonics knowledge to write CVC words. We're Going on a Leaf Hunt - Autumnal items	I can use my phonics knowledge to write CVC words. Tap the magic tree - verbs	I can use my phonics to write a short phrase. Where do the animals go in Winter? - locations	I know the sequence of a story. Stick Man - Talk for Writing	I can retell my favourite part of a story in my own words. Stick Man	Phonics Assessments
	Drawing Club Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson	Drawing Club Dustin - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20evunLzSgk	Drawing Club Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins	Drawing Club The Little Red Hen	Drawing Club Roadrunner https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdKkl1vGsmE	Drawing Club The Christmas Pine By Julia Donaldson	Drawing Club The Gingerbread Man
Maths	Unit 4: Change within 5 - One Less	Unit 5: Number bonds within 5 - Introducing the Part-whole model	Unit 6: Space - Spatial Awareness	Unit 7: Numbers to 10 Counting to 6, 7 and 8	Unit 7: Numbers to 10 - Counting to 9 and 10	Assessments	Assessments
	5 Currant Buns		5 Little Fingers in and out		Number Pairs for 5 - Jack Hartman		10 Little Elves
EAD	Art Creating props to retell stories Joining different materials Music My Stories - Step 2	Art Observational drawings or leaves Music My Stories - Step 3	Art Exploring colours: Seasonal Music My Stories - Step 4	Art EAD Assessment Music My Stories - Step 5	Christmas Performance Music Christmas Performance	Christmas Performance Music Christmas Performance	Christmas Crafts Using Small Tools Music My Stories - Step 6

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UTW	RE Birthdays Changing Seasons	RE Nativity Characters The importance of Remembrance Day	RE Sensory Storytelling of the Nativity Story Signs of Winter	RE Christmas Performances Winter Celebrations	RE Christmas Performances Christmas Past and Present, Toys: Past and Present (Loan Boxes)	Christmas Performances	How Christian's celebrate Christmas How different people celebrate Christmas
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