

# Reception Newsletter

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## Celebration of Learning

We've had a fantastic start to the year with our topic "Finding Out", which has sparked lots of curiosity, creativity, and learning across the classroom.

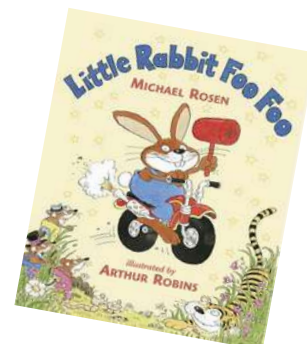
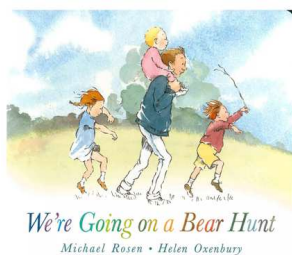
The children have been busy discovering the wonders of Autumn—noticing seasonal changes, collecting natural objects, and learning songs that celebrate this beautiful time of year. These experiences have inspired some wonderful creative work, including our natural art pieces and string printing pictures.



As part of our topic, we've also been finding out about ourselves and our families, exploring what makes us unique and learning about the people who are important to us. We've celebrated special occasions and talked about different traditions, helping the children build a deeper understanding of their own identities and those of their peers.



In literacy, we've explored and performed a range of poems and stories by Michael Rosen, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. These activities have supported their language development and confidence in speaking and performing.



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We've placed a strong focus on physical development, with activities designed to strengthen both fine and gross motor skills. Highlights have included our energetic scarf discos, which have been a fun way to build coordination and rhythm.

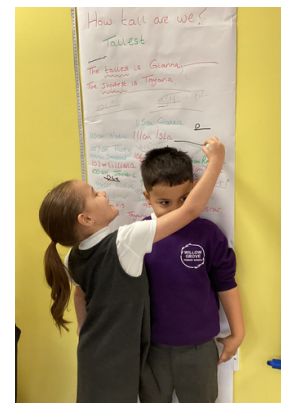
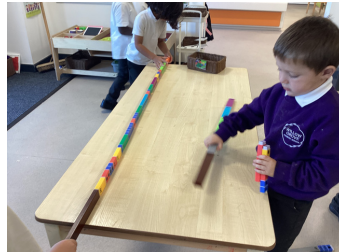


Socially and emotionally, the children have made lots of new friends and learned about feelings and how to express them. We've practised resolving minor conflicts and recognising emotions in ourselves and others. Our Class charter supports us to be the best we can be!

A highlight was completing our final piece for the 'Take One Picture' art project—a stunning collaborative artwork that showcases the children's creativity and teamwork.



In phonics, the children have now learned all 25 single letter sounds and will begin working in their phonics groups this term to continue their reading journey. In maths, we've been focusing on subitising, exploring the composition of numbers, and investigating measure through practical and engaging activities.



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## Key Learning for Autumn 2

### Communication & Language

Children will develop their listening skills in group settings and learn to respond to questions about stories. They'll build confidence speaking to adults and peers, retell events, and join in with rhymes and repeated phrases. Vocabulary will be extended through storytelling and discussion. We'll also encourage children to share personal experiences and ideas.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We'll focus on recognising and naming feelings using the Zones of Regulation. Children will learn to respond kindly to others, manage frustration, and express their needs. Independence will be encouraged in daily routines and classroom activities. They'll also explore similarities and differences between themselves and their friends.

### Physical Development

Children will take part in gymnastics, practising shapes, jumps, and rolls. Fine motor skills will be developed through scissor control, pencil grip, and festive crafts. Gross motor activities will include throwing, catching, and balancing. These experiences support coordination, strength, and independence.

### Literacy

Our focus text is *Bedtime for Monsters*, which will inspire storytelling, sequencing, and making inferences. Children will explore fiction and non-fiction, learn new vocabulary, and practise reading VC/CVC words. Writing will be encouraged through drawing, mark-making, and shared writing. Phonics will support sound recognition and blending.

### Mathematics

Children will explore counting, comparison, and composition of numbers. They'll sort and classify objects, recognise patterns, and sequence events. Maths will be embedded in everyday routines and play. Activities will promote mathematical thinking and language.

### Understanding the World

We'll learn about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, and the Christmas Story. Children will explore maps, journeys, and historical figures. They'll investigate materials and their properties, and talk about past experiences. Geography and RE will be linked through stories and role play.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Creative activities will include colour mixing, printing, collage, and sculpture. Children will use a variety of tools and materials to express themselves. Christmas crafts and decorations will be a highlight. Art will be inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe and festive themes.

### KEY INFORMATION

**PE- This will be on a Thursday, please send in PE kit this week and it will stay in school and sent home when required. Children will get changed in school. It is important that all uniform and PE kit, including shoes are named.**

**LIBRARY - This is now on a Friday afternoon, please return books on this day, children will not be able to take a new book home until they have returned their previous one.**

