



Reception Term 2

Big Bang: Nursery Rhyme Week
Polar Express Day

Trip: Planet Ice Whole School Trip

Our Learning Overview

Celebrations/Christmas/Winter

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our PSED theme this term is 'Celebrating Differences'. We will explore what makes each of us special and unique, and we will talk about our families, homes, and friendships. The children will learn that differences make us who we are, and that kindness and respect help us to build happy relationships.

Physical Development

This term, we will continue to develop both fine and gross motor skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. The children will have regular opportunities to strengthen their hand and finger muscles through Drawing Club, cutting, threading, and mark-making activities, all of which support early writing. In our PE lessons, we will enjoy movement sessions themed around nursery rhymes, where the children will explore ways of moving, balancing, and travelling in time to music.

Communication & Language

This term, we will continue to focus on developing the children's speaking and listening skills through daily conversations, circle times, and storytelling. We will support them in using new vocabulary linked to our topics, including words related to winter, celebrations, and family life. We will also enjoy learning and performing during Nursery Rhyme Week, which will help build confidence in speaking and rhythm in language.

Literacy

In Literacy, we are excited to begin Drawing Club, which will help the children develop their imagination, vocabulary, and early writing skills. Through stories, rhymes, and drawing, the children will be encouraged to tell and record their own ideas using marks, letters, and words. We will continue to share a wide range of stories and information books, and as we move through the term, we will explore Christmas stories and poems, discussing characters, settings, and events.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be focusing on the composition of 2 and 3, exploring how numbers can be made in different ways. The children will practise subitising arrangements of 2 and 3 (recognising quantities without counting) and will learn to compare two sets of objects, using the language of 'more than' and 'fewer than'. Through practical, hands-on activities, the children will develop their understanding of number and deepen their confidence when working with small quantities.

Key Text

Stick Man

One Snowy Night

The Polar Express

Key dates:

Nursery Rhyme Week -
10th - 14th November 2025

Parents Evening -
Wednesday 19th and
Thursday 20th November

Planet Ice Whole School Trip – Monday 24th November

Understanding of the World

We will be observing and discussing the changing seasons, paying special attention to the arrival of winter. The children will explore how the weather changes, what happens to plants and animals, and how we adapt to colder conditions. We will also learn about different festivals and celebrations, including Christmas, and think about how people around the world celebrate in different ways.

Expressive Arts and Design

As the festive season approaches, we will be enjoying a range of Christmas activities, including crafts, songs, and performances. The children will use a variety of materials to create seasonal art and decorations, expressing their creativity and imagination. Music and movement will continue to be an important part of our learning, particularly when rehearsing for our Christmas concert.

**Polar Express Day –
Tuesday 2nd December
(**Parents invited in at
2.30pm**)**

**Christmas Fair – Thursday
4th December**

**Reception Christmas
Concert – Tuesday 9th
December 2.30pm – 3pm**

Key information:

Please ensure all
payments for the Planet
Ice Trip are paid by
Friday 7th November.