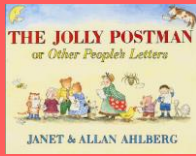


Reception

Autumn 1
2024



Me and My World.

This half term our topic has a Geography focus where we will learn about our families and where we live. Our overarching theme this year will be The Jolly Postman. First, The Jolly Postman visits the Three Bears. The Three Bears will encourage us to explore places in the world where there are populations of Brown bears, Giant Panda bears and Polar bears. We will discover what some bears like to eat. We will make comparisons of the environmental features of the bears habitats. We will also be exploring the climate and suitable clothing to wear if we were to visit a polar bear. We will also have a teddy bears picnic, inviting teddy bears from home to join us.



P.E. will be on Thursday this term.

Our focus is bike-ability. Children should arrive to school in PE kit each Thursday. PE Kit is plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.

Important Dates.

Wednesday 11th September - Teddy Bears Picnic. Your child can come to school dressed up in smart, casual clothing, along with a teddy bear labelled with your child's name.

Maths

We will learn to:

- Sort objects and compare amounts.
- Count objects reliably to 10
- Subitise to 5
- Correctly write numerals, 0-10
- Explore, copy, complete and create patterns.
- Describe properties of shape

How to help your child at home.

Counting objects
Identifying numbers on walks
Writing numerals 0-10 correctly
Accessing a free app by White Rose called One minute maths.



Science and understanding the world.

We will learn to:

- Name different parts of our bodies
- Explore what happens to our natural world in Autumn.
- Explore our environment including a visit to forest school.
- Explore and make comparisons between the environments in the Great Bear Rainforest and England.
- To compare the climate in the Arctic and in England.
- Explore the diet of a Brown bear
- Explore ice and melting.
- Bake our own biscuit bear.

Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is The Biscuit Bear. In our sequence of learning we will be writing.

- Our names
- Labels for images
- A character description
- A setting description



We will be having a big focus on letter formation. The children will have daily opportunities for writing and to further develop their fine motor skills.

Phonics. This year your child will be following the Little Wandle Phonics programme. Alongside this, your child will have opportunities to develop other skills needed for reading such as blending and segmenting. As their confidence and skills grow, they will be sent home with reading activities and/or books.

Reading at home

As your child progresses through the phonics programme they will be sent home with decodable phonics books for them to read to you. Hearing your child read at home is extremely important. Please listen to your child **read at least three times** a week. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!

