

Welcome to Reception

Miss Maxted and Miss Atkinson
make up our Reception Team

Autumn Term 2026



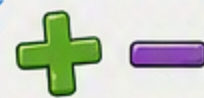
ENGLISH



This half term, our English sessions will focus on developing children's oracy skills—encouraging them to talk about story events, characters, and join in with stories and rhymes. We'll begin with the key text *A New House for Mouse*, using it as a springboard for discussion and imaginative thinking. Later in the term, we'll explore *Owl Babies*, continuing to build vocabulary and comprehension through storytelling. In the second half of the autumn term we will focus on the text 'Whatever next'.

At Godley, we follow the Monster Phonics programme to support children in learning to read and write. This half term, we'll be introducing Phase 2 phonics, known as the Black Cat sounds. Children will learn the letter names and the sounds they represent, practise identifying sounds in words, and begin blending and segmenting to read and spell simple words.

To support this, children will take part in small group reading sessions, where they'll develop word reading skills and engage in 'book talk'—sharing ideas and thoughts about what they read.



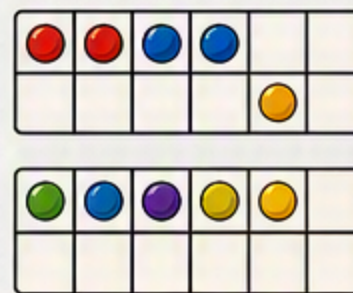
MATHS

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In Maths, we'll be building a strong foundation in numbers to 5, exploring different ways these numbers can be represented. Our focus will include:

- Matching and sorting
- Comparing quantities (more than, less than)
- Subitising – recognising quantities without counting

We'll also explore patterns, and make comparisons in size, mass, and capacity. Children will be encouraged to think about which numbers are important to them and why, helping to make learning meaningful and personal.



THEME



In Geography, we'll be learning about where we live, including our school environment and its immediate surroundings. Children will explore maps, landmarks, and features of the local area. In the second half of the term we will be looking at key events in the children's life as part of our history work. We will be thinking about the past and using language like now, then and last week. We will be exploring timelines too.



In Science, our focus will be on animals—both within our school grounds and beyond. Children will observe, compare, and sort animals into groups based on similarities and differences, developing early classification skills and curiosity about the natural world. We will then turn to look at seasonal changes in the second half of the term.



We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, discovery and achievement in Reception!

