November 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Reception pupils,

Welcome back.

Reflecting upon the last half term, we wanted to acknowledge how well the children have settled into school; they have learnt many school routines already and are successfully adapting to school life at Harbury. Thank you to all of you for supporting the transition.

The children will continue to build on their early reading, writing and number skills, while also growing in confidence as they continue to embrace school life. This term is especially exciting as it will be their very first Nativity at Harbury School, where we will join Year 1 and Year 2 to share our version of the Christmas story with you.

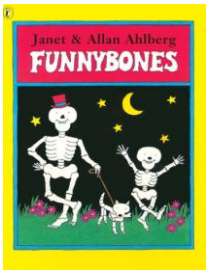
Our New Topic

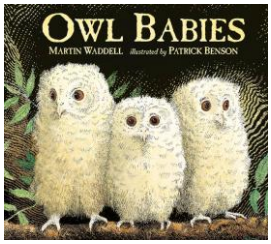
We look forward to exploring more exciting learning opportunities through our new topic:

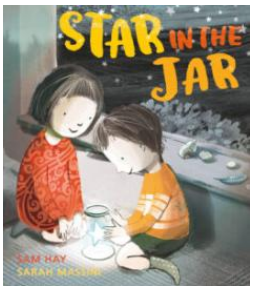
Once Upon a Starry Night



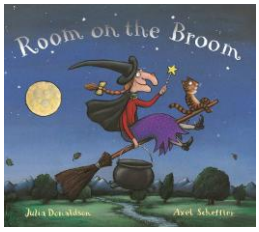
We will be reading the following stories to bring our topic to life

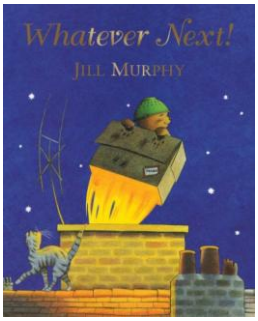


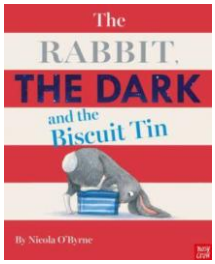




We will also be enjoying a wider range of texts too.







<u>Uniform</u>

We are hoping that over the holiday you have had an opportunity to look through all items of school-wear, to check that they are **<u>clearly labelled</u>** with your child's name; this will really help us to return lost items to their owners. If you have acquired any pieces of clothing that do not belong to your child, please return them to school so that we can successfully return them to their true home. Please ensure that school shoes are also clearly named. All un named uniform is now in lost property at the main school entrance.



Please ensure that your child has the correct kit for PE. This is:

- Red T-Shirt
- Shorts (black/dark-coloured)
- Plain jogging bottoms and long-sleeved top/jacket
- Trainers or pumps

NB: Extra foot wear is NOT needed for indoor PE

Also, a reminder that we do not allow slogans on your child's PE clothing please. If we could also ask that long hair is tied back. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Earrings should be covered with tape/plasters (to be provided from home)

Please note this term PE will take place every **Wednesday Morning**.

Reading books

During this term the children will be bringing their reading books and reading material home every **Friday in their reading packs**. In order to be given another book the following week could you please ensure the books are returned the following **Thursday in their reading wallet**. We appreciate that home life can get very busy but we really appreciate your comments in your children's reading record. I will read the comments and if a response is required, I will contact you on Dojo. I really enjoy hearing how the children enjoy reading their books at home. Your feedback is extremely valuable in order to support your child with their reading.

Could you please bring their reading packs and reading journal in their book bags every day please as there will be opportunities during the day for us to support the children with their reading.



Proud to be me!

As mentioned in our previous newsletter a fantastic way of celebrating some exciting news or experiences your child may have had out of school is through our 'proud to be me' discussions; they can bring in or send me a photograph to be discussed in class. We will aim to discuss the contents on a regular basis. I have explained to the children that it is not a show and tell for their toys, we discuss swimming certificates, badges or photos of places they have visited, which allow them to develop their speaking and listening skills. You can also upload photos to dojo. The children love speaking about their experiences and any learning they have done at home. This will take place weekly on a **Thursday afternoon**.

Celebration Assembly

It is with pride that I can now say that Reception are joining the whole school, every Friday for celebration assembly. In these assemblies your child will receive the 'Love, Learn and Grow' award. I will send you a message on Dojo if your child has been chosen for this. I aim to send the message on a Wednesday. You will be invited into the assembly to watch them receive their certificate. The assembly will take place straight away after your child has come into school.

Values this term

Love and Preparation

A few reminders from last half term…



The children will continue to need a named water bottle (**water only please**).

Please have a pair of wellies kept in school for impromptu muddy walks and playtimes too. If you have not brought your child's puddle suit in yet, could we also ask for this to be brought in as soon as you can please.

Please ensure that we are informed of any medical information about your child. If we need to keep any medication in school (e.g. Inhalers) then please go to the school office to complete the relevant forms.

Learning Opportunities

There will be some learning activities sent home throughout the year. These are opportunities for the children to share their learning with you at home; they are not designed to bring stress or panic so please message me if I can support in any way.

Class Dojo

I hope you have all had a chance to look at the children's learning on class dojo. It will give you an insight into what they have been learning at school. We also invite you to add photos and videos of their learning experiences at home too, this could be anything from their reading, developing their number work, their fantastic artistic creations or even exploring the world around them if you visit a country park. I look forward to seeing them.

Dojo points

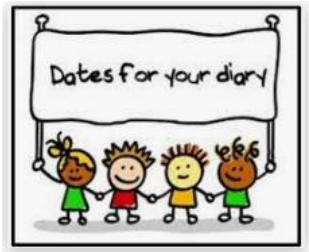
I'm sure the children have already told you all about what happens when they reach 10 dojo points, that's right, they get to choose a small prize from the box! Last term, the children enjoyed counting how many more dojos they needed to reach 10, which was a wonderful way to support their mathematical development.

You will receive a notification each time your child is awarded a dojo, along with the reason, this could be for fantastic reading, super number work, being a kind friend, or showing our school values. There are so many positive reasons to celebrate!

It's also a lovely way to spark conversations about their school day at home.

I will include this timetable as a reminder:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		PE AM Mrs Rea covering PM	PE Reading books in packs to be brought back please	9.00am Celebration Assembly if your child has been chosen New reading books issued



Wk. Beg Monday 9th November	World Nursery Rhyme Week
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wk. Beg Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week (odd socks day)
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Thursday 3rd December	International Day of Disabilities
Tuesday 1st December	KS1 Trip to Warwick Arts Centre – The Gruffol's Child
Tuesday 8th December	Infants Nativity 1:45pm and 6pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas dinner day and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December	Christmas service at All Saints church, EYFS Christmas party and break up for Christmas.

For our KS1 trip to Warwick Arts Centre and our service at the church we do ask for parent helpers to accompany us. I will send out more details about this nearer the time.

As more dates for your diary emerge I will also notify you of them on Dojo.

We look forward to continuing to build home-school relationships this half term. Feel free to contact any of the reception team if you have any questions/queries.



Best Wishes,

The Reception Team

Miss O'Malley- Class Teacher
Mrs Hooper - TA (Mon, Tues, Wed am)
Mrs Hunt - TA (Thurs, Fri am)
Mrs Isobel Clarke- TA (pm)
Mrs Karen Rea - Covering Miss O'Malley (Wednesday PM)