



# Half Term Overview

Spring 1 2025

## Communication and Language

We will be learning to:

- Listen in a range of situations
- Maintain attention, concentrate and sit quietly during appropriate activity.
- Take turns to speak and listen in different contexts
- Link events in books to own experiences
- Understand and answer 'when' and 'why' questions.
- Use past tense of verbs.
- Recount events that happen in our day.

## Literacy

We will be learning to:

- Confidently recall all phase 2 knowledge and use in our reading and writing.
- Recognise GPCs and tricky words from phase 3 phonics - Little Wandle.
- Think of our own sentences, say them out loud then have a go at writing them down.
- Write short words independently.
- Begin to form letters correctly, especially those in our own names.

## Understanding The World

We will be learning to:

- Explore freezing and melting
- Observe changes and talk about what we see
- Find out about Arctic and Antarctic animals
- Compare habitats and climates
- Find out about our changing climate and how to care for our world.

## Important Information

Please come to school in your PE kit on Thursdays.

Remember to bring a named water bottle to school every day. Please fill your bottle with WATER (no juice please).

Please ensure books and reading records are in books bags every day.

## Reception Maple Class



'Winter Wonderland'

## Physical Development

We will be learning to:

- Hold a pencil effectively
- Add details to drawings showing care and accuracy
- Form letters correctly
- Combine movements with ease and fluency
- Confidently and safely use large and small apparatus indoors and outdoors, alone and in a group.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning to:

- Know what a challenge is and that they can be difficult.
- Know what a goal is.
- Know why it is important to keep on trying.
- Recognise how kind words can encourage people.
- Develop skills to play co-operatively with others.
- Understand the school KIND values and begin to uphold them.
- Put our shoes and socks on independently.

## Maths

We will be learning to:

- Understand the concept of zero
- Compare numbers and amounts
- Order numerals
- Partition numbers in different ways
- Explore the composition of numbers up to 8
- Combine two groups to find a total
- Explore odd and even numbers
- Double numbers to 8
- Understand and use terms more, fewer, equal
- Compare mass and capacity

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning to:

- Use different types of paints
- Use wax resist and create a colour wash
- Safely use scissors to cut in straight lines and curves
- Retell stories using puppets, masks and small world toys.