



Communication and Language

This half term the children will learn to ask questions to find out more about our learning, particularly linked to different modes of transport and how they have changed over time. Through adults modelling language and sentences to share understanding, children will begin to understand a range of complex sentence structures and incorporate conjunctions including 'and', 'because'.

Understanding the World

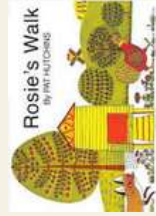
Children will be immersed in our 'On the move' topic, learning about the lives of the people around us, including those who work for the emergency services. They will develop an understanding of similarities and differences between past and present modes of transport, sharing their own experiences. We will also visit the train station and have a variety of transport visit to school.

We will explore the season of winter and the changes that occur in the natural world through exploration in the outside area, including ice.

In RE we will be finding out about how different cultures celebrate. This will include: New Year, Chinese New Year, Persian New Year and Holi.



Our Reading Spine books this half term are:



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This half term we will be following two step instructions as part of daily routines. With the colder weather we will be taking on new challenges and building up resilience through activities such as doing up a zip and buttons. We will continue to build upon our friendships, learning to work as a group to complete tasks. Through working as a group adults will model and develop turn taking strategies such as: playing board games, 'my turn, your turn', looking at each other and telling each other whose turn is next.

Through our PSHE topic 'Dreams and Goals', children will learn about aspirations, how to achieve goals, understand emotions that go with this, and overcome obstacles.



Reception

Spring 1 2026

Topic: On the Move!

Mathematics

This half term we will continue with Mastering Number. The children will learn to develop skills in:

- Counting, ordinality and cardinality by:
 - matching numerals to quantities within 5 then 10
 - verbally counting beyond 20
 - using the staircase pattern of the counting pattern, knowing that the next number is one more than the previous

Subitising by:

- subitising numbers within and beyond 5, using the dice patterns.
- matching numerals to quantities within 5.

Composition by:

- Identifying missing parts for numbers within 5.
- Exploring the composition of 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit'.
- Exploring 6 and 7 as finger patterns

We will also explore 'Mass and Capacity', making comparisons and finding a balance. We will use bucket scales and a variety of containers such as cups and buckets.

Physical Development



Children will develop their gross motor skills during PE lessons with the KKO coaches, where they will develop the fundamental skills of basketball, rugby and football through throwing, kicking and catching.

When using small tools and pencils we will be concentrating on using a tripod grip and holding scissors correctly to cut along curved lines. Children's tripod grips will be developed through activities including: threading small beads and using small pegs. When writing we will use the correct letter formation. In the woodwork area children will learn how to safely use screwdrivers and bradawls with balsa wood.



Literacy

Phonics- We will be learning the Phase 3 sounds including trigraphs, '3 letters that make 1 sound'.

Writing- Our fiction focus will be the 'Beat the Baddie' story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Our writing focus will be on character, where we will explore changing Jack/ The giant.

Our non-fiction writing focus is 'How to grow a bean plant' where we will learn to write instructions.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will learn to use different pencils, pastels and chalk to create representations of transport and New Year celebrations. When creating models and pictures they will learn to use PVA, masking tape and tabs to join. The children will experience baking cupcakes, learning the importance of hygiene and using measures such as spoons and cups.

In Music, the children will learn to follow a simple notation and explore different ways of playing instruments.