



Reception Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026

Weekly Message

This week, we have been learning all about Chinese New Year and mixing it in with Valentines towards the end of the week. We read the story of The Great race and acted it out using small world animals. We discussed the characteristics of each animal and what those words meant, such as 'charming' and 'independent'. We made Chinese inspired lanterns, dragon crafts and created our own fortune cookies by writing our own messages to give to a friend. We have also written our own wishes

We have been writing about who and what we love and writing kindness notes to each other. Please see our

In Phonics, we have learnt the alternative /ow/ as 'oa' and 'ou'. For example, cow and snow make the 'ou' and 'oa' sounds.

In maths, we have been doing some data collection. We used skittles to create charts to find out which colour there was the most of.

A peek at the week

After half term, we will be travelling to space! Could we please ask that your child has a think of what they would take to space and if possible, bring it in to school so we can 'pack' our suitcases to go to space! This may be pasta (to eat) sweets (for energy) their favourite story, a game to play and any other ideas your child has. We will be discussing this in class as well and will pack our suitcase later in the week. Please don't bring in any toy that is sentimental or your child will want at home, as it may stay at school till Friday.

We will be designing planets, creating star constellations, reading the story Look Up and exploring what gravity is.

EYFS Donations

- Tissue rolls
- Carboard boxes
- Flour
- Pasta
- We would also really appreciate any donations of old flowers.

Home learning

Please continue to practice tricky words and recognising their sounds using the sound mat over half term.

Can you help your child to recall their number bonds to 5 (4 and 1 makes 5, 2 and 3 makes 5, 5 and 0 makes 5).

Reminders

We will also be starting Forest Fridays after half term, so please remember to send your child in with named waterproofs and wellies. Thank you!

