

## Reception Newsletter

### Spring 1 Newsletter – January 2026

#### Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed special time with your loved ones. It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school, full of energy and enthusiasm for the new term! This half term, our learning has already been sparked by our focus text, **Juniper Jupiter**. The story of a superhero searching for a sidekick has captured the children's imagination and inspired lots of discussions, drawing, and creative ideas. We even have a 'Superhero School' as our superheroes-in-training are practising their reading, writing and maths skills, alongside teamwork, courage and caring for others

We also have some exciting topics planned for this term, including:

- **Transport** - exploring different ways people travel and how transport looked in the past.
- **Stories Jesus Heard** – learning about traditional Bible stories and their messages.
- **Georgia O'Keeffe Art** - investigating her bold, colourful paintings and trying our own art in her style.
- **Maps** - exploring simple maps, directions and creating our own class map.
- **Looking After Our Environment** - thinking about recycling, caring for nature and ways we can help our planet.
- **Chinese New Year** - learning about traditions, celebrations, and the story of the zodiac.

#### Reminders

- **Numbots:** We continue to use Numbots to support maths fluency. If you need your log-in resent, just let me know.
- **PE:** Lessons will now take place on a **Monday**.
- **Clothing:** Please ensure all clothes, coats and bags are clearly labelled to avoid mix-ups.
- **Reading:** Continue reading with your child at home – it makes a huge difference.
- **Mystery Readers:** If you or a family member would like to be a mystery reader in class, please let me know. The children love having visitors share a story!

Please note that on a Wednesday morning, Mrs Reid will now teach in Reception.

Thank you for your continued support. It makes such a difference to your child's learning and confidence. We are looking forward to an exciting half term full of creativity, discovery, and fun!

Mrs Baumber and Miss Gibson

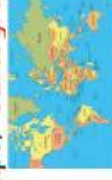


Let your Light Shine' Matthew 5:16



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### Transport and Travel, My Locality

| Target Vocabulary                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                            |
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| Transportation<br>               | Recycling<br>                           |
| Environment/<br>Surroundings<br> | Chinese New Year/ Lunar<br>New Year<br> |
| Maps/ Cartography<br>           | recycling centre<br>                   |
| Community<br>                  | Journey/ Expedition<br>               |

### R.E Focus: 'Stories Jesus heard'

We will read old testament stories and explore the feelings and characteristics of people in these stories.

### Our Top Facts to Learn

Transportation is a words used for all the methods people use to move themselves and things from one place to another.  
Recycling is when rubbish is used again and made into something new.  
We can help to protect our environment in many different ways such as recycling.  
An expedition is a long journey for a specific purpose.

### Our Literacy Texts



### Maths Focus

Counting and Ordering  
Addition  
Exploring 2d shape, rotation and spatial reasoning.

### RWI Phonics

Fred talk, word time, oral blending, Special Friends, Fred Fingers for spelling.  
Correct letter formation

### Nursery Rhymes

The Transport Song  
The Vehicles Song  
Row, Row, Row Your Boat