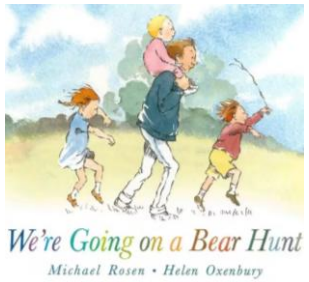
Reception
Autumn Term 2, 2026







Communication & Language

This term, we will celebrate Nursery Rhyme Week! Children will enjoy singing, storytelling, and joining in with repeated phrases and actions. They will begin to explore "how" and "why" questions and respond to instructions with more than one step. We will also build confidence in speaking in front of the class and encourage the use of new vocabulary, helping to strengthen listening, understanding, and communication skills in fun, engaging ways.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, children will learn to talk about their feelings and begin to consider the feelings of others. They will develop friendships and play cooperatively with those sharing the same activities. We will encourage independence when dressing for PE and confidence to try new experiences. Children will explore classroom rules, understanding that they help keep everyone safe, fair, and happy, while building positive relationships with all the staff.

Physical Development

This term, children will develop fine and gross motor skills through writing, cutting, and movement activities. They will practise correct letter formation, write their name and simple words, and rehearse sentences aloud. Children will strengthen coordination, balance, and control by moving confidently in different ways, jumping safely, and negotiating space. They will learn that being active is good for us and helps keep our bodies strong and healthy.

Understanding The World

This term, the children will explore how the world around them works. They will learn that objects can move when pushed or pulled, some objects float or sink, and materials can melt or freeze. The children will investigate light and shadows, explore different sounds, and learn that daytime is light because the sun is in the sky, while nighttime is dark because the sun is not visible. They will use vocabulary to describe features and directions and explore the Christmas Nativity Play through drama and the Bible.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will explore paint, mixed-media, collages, and transient art through nature, music, and collaboration. They will name and mix colours, create simple representations of people and objects, and draw with pencils and crayons. Children will experiment with textures, learn how primary colours make secondary colours, and discover music from cultural and religious celebrations, including Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.

Mathematics

This term, children will explore time, numbers, and shapes. They will learn about day and night, the days of the week, and months of the year, using time-related language to sequence events. In mathematics, they will recognise, count, and write numbers to 5, understand one more or less, subitise, and identify hidden numbers using part-whole knowledge. In geometry, they will explore 2D and 3D shapes, identify sides, corners, straight and curved lines, and use positional language in their environment.

Literacy

This term, children will explore books including Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. They will join in with repeated phrases and actions, recognise story structure, and discuss stories. Phonics focus includes Initial Code Units 5–7, blending sounds to read words, captions, and simple sentences. Children will practise correct letter formation, write their name, words, labels, and begin writing captions with spaces.