



Reception News January 2026



The world around us!

This half term we are looking at the wider world, traveling through the Antarctic, Africa and then looking at the traditional celebration of Chinese New Year, this year is the year of the Horse.

The Books/focus for this Half Term:

Week 1 – The Little Mermaid

Week 2 and 3 – Lost and Found

Week 4 – Handa's Surprise

Week 5 – All aboard for the Bobo Road

Week 6 – Chinese New Year

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th January – Welcome back to school for Reception Children

Monday 12th January – Nottingham Playhouse "The Little Mermaid" production in school

Week beginning 2nd Feb – Bedtime story week, listen to EYFS staff read a bedtime story each night, links will be sent out each day for you to access.

Week beginning Monday 9th February– Chinese New Year celebrations

February – Visit to Hettie's Farm. To be confirmed

Friday 13th February - INSET

PE

PE takes place on a Monday till February half term. **Please send your children in full PE kit.** This is: Plain Black joggers or leggings, Plain white t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan or plain black hoodie. Please be aware that logo clothing (e.g. Nike etc) is not to be worn.

Reading groups

Before Christmas all children completed Phonics assessments which help us place children on the appropriate book for their reading ability. Some children may have stayed on the same stage. If this is the case your child will be taking part in 'Keep up' phonics and the class teacher will make time to talk to you about how you can help at home.

Timings of the day.

School starts at 8:45 in a morning. Children come in and start work straight away. Over the week they produce work in that time which goes in their work folders. Children who come late everyday are missing out on this.

School website

We have recently moved to a new website, we are gradually updating the information on our class page, but please look on there for dates and copies of newsletters.

<https://www.kirkbywoodhouse.notts.sch.uk/reception>

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