



Reception OTTOWA'S



Useful Information Autumn 2



Theme- Stories From Around the World



The theme this term is Stories from around the World.

The children will be reading many stories from around the world. The children will be looking at the structure of a story, sequencing the story and writing recounts. We will be learning about the country Canada and reading some Canadian stories such as 'Scaredy Squirrel' as well as some other traditional tales from around the world.



Literacy



We will be learning to:

- Write in a variety of forms
- Tell stories orally
- Listen to stories, songs and other music
- Imagine and recreate roles and experiences
- Use our imagination
- Use phonics to label

Phonics



This half term we will be working on Phase 3

In Phase 3 children continue to use all the sounds they were taught in Phase 2. In addition, they are taught additional sounds (phonemes) and the letters / groups of letters that represent them (graphemes).

j	v	w	x	y
z	zz	qu	ch	sh
th	ng	nk	ai	ee
igh	oa	oo	ar	ur

Maths



We will be covering the following topics this half term:

- Recognising and subitising 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Representing 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Comparing 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Composition of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Circles and triangles
- Positional language
- One more and one less
- Identify and name shapes with 4 sides
- Time - Day and Night

Physical Development (PD)



Our focus in PE this term is Dance

Children will be able to:

- Listen attentively
- Move to and talk about music
- Express their feelings and responses.
- Combine a range of dance movements.
- Create a sequence of movements or gestures in response to an experience.

Other Areas of Learning



Personal Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be learning to:
Build constructive and respectful relationships.
Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.

Communication and Language

This half term the children will be learning to:
Use new vocabulary.
Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.
Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.

Other Areas of Learning



Understanding of the World

This half term the children will be learning to:
Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term the children will be learning to:
Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.

Home Learning

Children should read for 15 minutes every night. They will be given two books each week. One is a reading for pleasure book, this should be read together. The other book is a phonetically decodable-banded book for your child to read to you.



Please return the books on a Monday. They will be handed back to you on a Tuesday.

Every Monday your child will receive a Google Classroom activity they can complete online.
Home learning is handed out at the beginning of each term with a weekly breakdown with what we cover.



Core Reading Text



Our core reading text this term is
The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Kate Pankhurst

Language of the Half Term



Our language of the half term is Somali
16% of our families speak Somali.

Poem of the Half Term

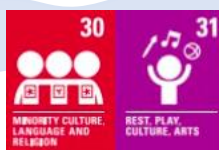
Our Poem this half term is Breezy Weather

This half term, we will be
focusing on: **Listening**
and **Speaking**.



Rights Respecting:

This half term we will focus on the
right to play and language.



Key Dates:

- Monday 3rd November 2025 - Return to school
- Monday 3rd November to Friday 14th November - Parent meetings
- Wednesday 12th November - School Uniform recycling
- Friday 14th November - Children in Need
- Tuesday 25th November - Year 1 class trip
- Friday 28th November - Athens class Assembly (Y4)
- Monday 8th December - Y2 seasonal performance to parents
- Tuesday 9th December - Reception seasonal performance to parents
- Wednesday 10th December - Year 1 seasonal performance to parents
- Wednesday 10th December - School Disco
- Thursday 11th December - Nursery seasonal performance to parents
- Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper day & Christmas lunch
- Tuesday 16th December - Parent party & KS2 singing performance
- Friday 19th December - End of term. School closes at 1.30pm



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