

🌟 Welcome to Reception! 🌟

A very warm welcome to all our Reception families! We are so excited to begin this wonderful journey with you and your children.

The first term is such a special time as the children settle into school, make new friends, build their confidence and begin exploring all the exciting learning opportunities Reception has to offer. We have lots of fun experiences planned and can't wait to see the children grow, learn and flourish throughout the year.

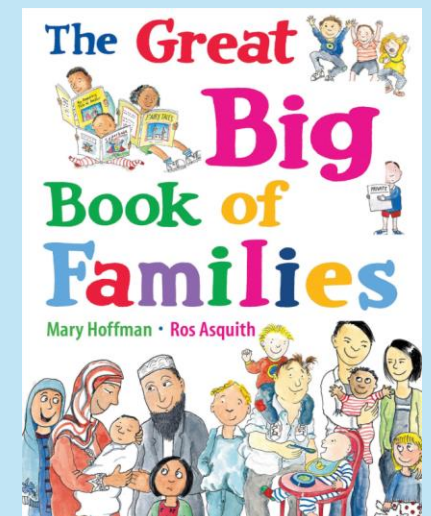
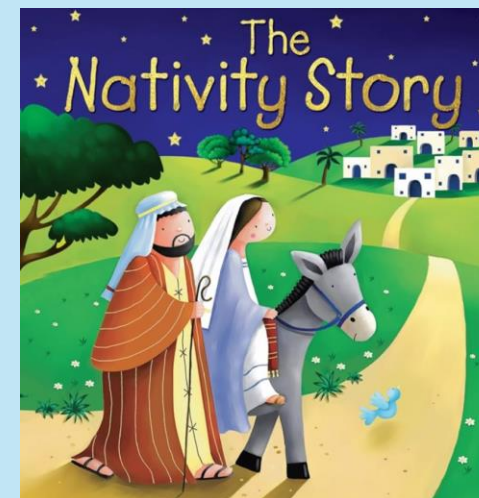
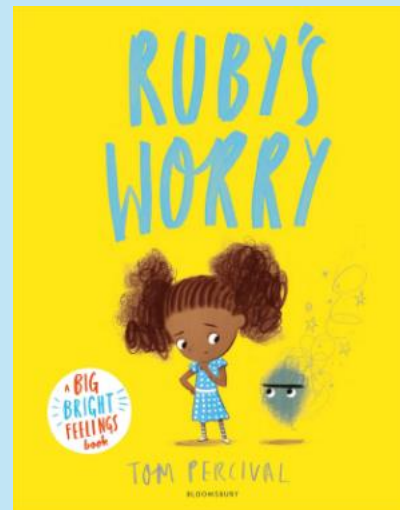
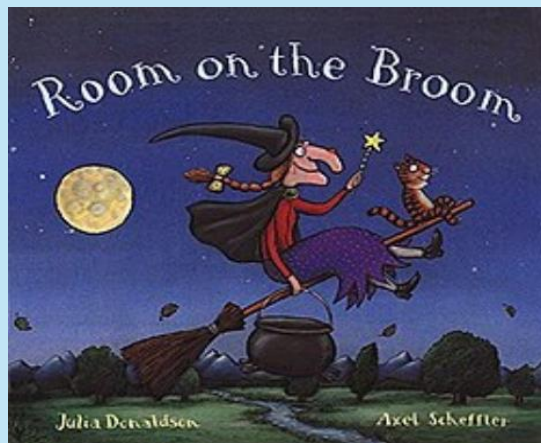
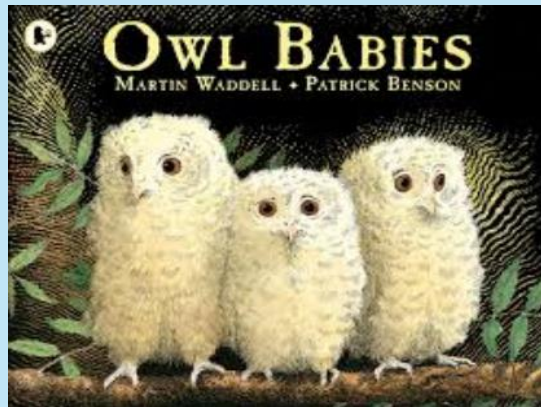
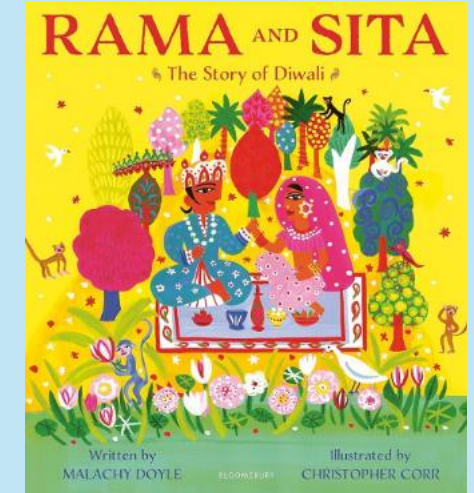
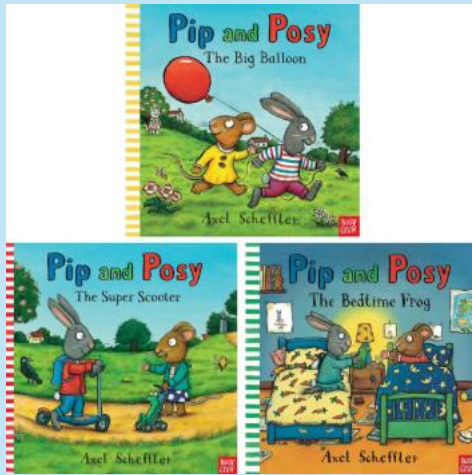
Our first topic this term is '**All About Me**'.

The children will explore what makes each of them special and unique, learning about their bodies and how they work. They will discover their five senses and talk about how they can use them to explore the world around them.

We will also learn about ways that we can keep ourselves and others safe and healthy, including making healthy choices and looking after our bodies.

A big part of our learning will focus on feelings and emotions. The children will practise talking about how they feel and begin to understand that other people may have different feelings and emotions from their own. We will encourage them to develop empathy, kindness and confidence when talking about their feelings and supporting others.

Reception key texts and learning concepts for Autumn 2026



What You Can Do to Help at Home 🏠

There are lots of simple ways you can support your child's learning and development at home:

- Encourage independence: wherever possible, particularly with dressing and undressing, toileting and eating. Giving children time to have a go for themselves helps to build their confidence and self-help skills.
- Read together regularly and record any books you read in your child's Monkey Reading Journal. We love hearing about the stories you have enjoyed together!
- Watch the daily phonics sound videos that we upload to Tapestry. Please encourage your child to join in and practise the sounds at home. This regular practice will really support their phonics learning.

Most importantly, please spend time talking, playing and sharing experiences with your child. These everyday interactions are fantastic opportunities for developing their language, confidence and understanding of the world. Please record any special moments and memories with us via Dojo or Tapestry.

Keeping in Touch:

For any information or questions relating to lunches, PE, Forest School, Dojo or Tapestry, please speak directly to your child's class teacher. They will be happy to help and make sure you have the most up-to-date information.

For any other information regarding progression of skills or curriculum, please see the documents on our website.

We know starting school is a big milestone for both children and parents, so please remember that it is completely normal for there to be a few wobbles along the way. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together to make your child's first year at school a happy, positive and memorable one.

Here's to a fantastic first term! 🌈 ✨

