

The Week Ahead...

Week beginning 12th January 2026

This week we will be learning about winter. We will talk about the changing seasons. We will discuss the types of clothes you need to wear in the winter, and will be exploring lots of creative activities based around snowmen and snowflakes. We will take part in 'Birdwatch week'. Your child will be bringing home a bird survey to look at the birds you have seen on your way to school.

Phonics

This week we have 4 new digraphs to learn:

oo- as in moon oo- as in book ar- as in dark or - as in horn

The new tricky words this week are: was you they

Maths

This week we will be taking part in activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting - to find out 'how many' objects there are e.g. *Would you please collect 6 crayons and bring them to me?* The children will also revisit the concept of cardinality - that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are **ALTOGETHER**. The children will develop an understanding that the position each number holds in our number sequence does not change. They will develop their understanding of the ordinal aspect by investigating the difference in value of consecutive whole numbers. They will find out that each number has a value of 1 more than the previous number. Using blocks and squares to order quantities from 1 to 5 will help to embed this key understanding. The children will hear ordinal numbers (first, second, etc.) as part of classroom routines.

There will be a phonics event for Reception parents on Mon 19th Jan - see separate letter for details.

Please read daily or as often as you can- it makes a big difference. Please make a comment in the reading record.

PLEASE return both reading books and library books on a Friday. We cannot give out new books until the previous ones have been returned.

Many thanks again for your support.

Mrs Attrill

Miss Cadman

Miss Furnell