Regular Activities

- Forest School (Wednesday morning)
- PE (Monday/Wednesday afternoon)
- Daily practising of name writing
- Snack /toast time – maths, C&L and PSED focus.
- Break times– climbing equipment, bikes and scooters
- Communication and language Explorify activity
- Drawing Club
- Phonics scheme; Independent blending/reading
- Mystery Reader
- Book vote
- Celebration assembly
- Family and friends story time in the library.
- Visits to the school library.

Forest School and PE

- **Forest school** on a Wednesday morning. Children to bring in suitable clothing– puddle suits and wellies to change into. These can be kept in school..
- **PE** on a Monday/Wednesday afternoon. Children to come dressed in PE kit and can remain in this all day.
- Please label all clothes and footwear.





Reception

Winter and Winter Celebrations

Autumn 2– 2026

Curriculum Overview

Morning Routines

- Fine motor skills activities
- Name writing
- Register
- Lunch/dinner choices
- Calendar and weather.
- How many children are in class today?
- RWI phonics



Core Experiences and Seasonal Celebrations

- Bonfire Night
- Hanukkah
- Winter
- Parent workshops
- Christmas Performances

Trips and Visits

- Trips to the Church
- Severn Valley Country Park

Sticky Knowledge

- Children will learn about Guy Fawkes ; a key person in British history.
- Children will learn about the story of Christmas.
- Children will learn about other festivals in other religions and learn to celebrate the difference between people.
- Children will draw on their past experiences of celebrations.
- Children will learn about advent and will be able to share ways in which they can do good deeds for others.
- Children will learn about Winter and be able to describe the season.

Vocabulary

- Bonfire night– Parliament, explosion. Plot, villain
- Winter– frosty, icy, hail, drizzle, sleet, flurry, bleak, nippy, hibernate
- Christmas– carol, nativity, mistletoe, celebration, advent, sleigh
- Church– altar, pulpit, steeple, spire, stained glass, pews, font aisle, organ, vicar, service

Key Books

The Story of Guy Fawkes
The Nativity Story
Rapunzel
Room on the Broom– Julia Donaldson
One Snowy Night– Nick Butterworth
Harry and the Snow King– Ian Whybrow
I Definitely Don't Like Winter– Fiona Parker

Key Songs and Rhymes

- Remember, remember the 5th of November
- We wish you a Merry Christmas
- Jingle Bells
- Five Little Snowflakes
- I'm a little snowflake