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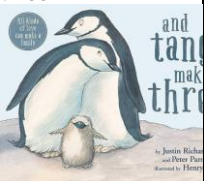
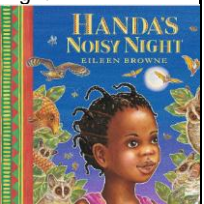
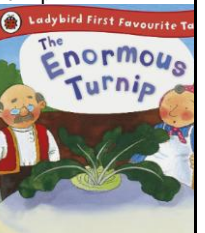
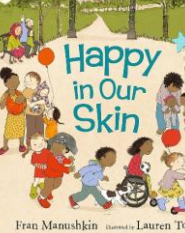
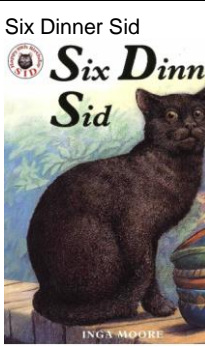
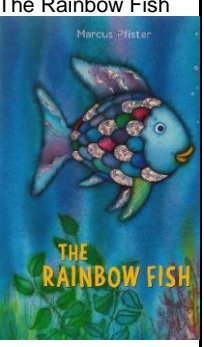



January 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year and that you are well rested!

This term our key texts and rhymes will be:

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Rhyme	The North Wind doth blow	Ten Green Bottles	There was a crooked man	Hickory Dickory Dock	Doctor Foster	Ten in the bed
Literacy focus	Handa's Surprise 	And Tango makes three! 	Handa's Noisy Night 	Julian is a Mermaid 	The Enormous Turnip 	Happy in our Skin 
Comprehension focus	Six Dinner Sid 		The Rainbow Fish 		Where am I? 	

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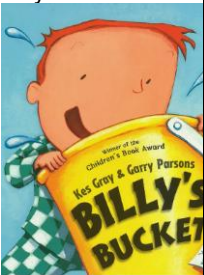
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'Dragons fly high, show respect and have fun!'



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Rhyme	Ten fat sausages	Nobody Loves me	Little Jack Horner	Deedle, deedle dumpling	Rub-a-dub-dub	Old King Cole
Literacy focus	Whatever Next 	Goodnight spaceman 	Look up 	Little Red Riding Hood 	My mum is a lioness 	We're going on an egg hunt 
Comprehension focus	Billy's Bucket 		Room on the Broom 		The Tiger 	

In **Communication and Language**, we will be learning to ask how and why questions and how to retell a story using story language. We will begin to invent our own stories and practice retelling them orally. We will be using questions to find out more and to check our understanding of what has been said to us. We will be listening to lots of stories and will be investigating and using the vocabulary within these stories. We will also be learning poems and songs.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will be learning how to keep ourselves safe and thinking about what is safe to go into our bodies. We will also be thinking about keeping safe indoors and outdoors. We will be learning how to keep safe online and thinking about the people that keep us safe.

In **Fine Motor Skills (physical development)** we will be threading, cutting, weaving and using playdough. The children will be practicing their letter formation and will be learning how to use scissors correctly. In **Gross Motor Development (physical development)** the children will be practicing their ball skills (aiming, dribbling, pushing, throwing, catching, patting, kicking) and we will be learning how to balance in gymnastics.



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In **Literacy** we will be writing sentences and practising correct letter formation. The children will be reading simple phrases and sentences and where necessary reading and writing some common exception words (Red words). The children will continue to consolidate Set 1 sounds and some will be moving onto Set 2 sounds. Please read with your child as often as you can. The children will bring home a read with me book for you to read to them and a Read Write Inc. letter sheet, ditty or Read Write Inc. book (depending upon their group). Reading is the gateway to all other subjects and that is why we make it such a focus. Please ask if you need any help or assistance with reading with your child. **Please make sure that you sign your child's reading record each time that they read. All children that read 5 times a week go into a weekly prize draw where they can win a £10 Amazon voucher.**

In **Maths** we will continue to use tens frames to self-register and as part of our daily book vote. This will develop our ability to subitise. We will continue to practice ordering numbers and see that 4,5,6 and 7 can be represented in different ways. We will be introducing addition and the concept of one more and will be learning how to find the difference between two numbers. We will be comparing lengths and exploring weight.

In **Understanding the World (History, Geography, Science)** we will be listening to stories and placing events in chronological order. We will be considering how we have changed since we were babies. In Geography we will be learning what the United Kingdom is. In Science we will be learning about animals and birds – where they live and what they need. We will be learning about which animals live on a farm and also about which dinosaurs used to roam the earth. In RE we will be thinking about how people celebrate and Hinduism.

The children are an absolute pleasure to teach and have worked very, very hard during their first term of school. We are really looking forward to the next half term and all that it will bring.

Our very best wishes,

Mrs Allcock and Mrs Dewis



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