

RECEPTION LEARNING OVERVIEW

SPRING TERM 2026



As we enter the spring term, you will see your child's reading begin to blossom. All children have been taught **24 sounds** in the previous term and will learn an **additional 18 sounds** during the spring term. It is important to help your child learn and remember these sounds for them to read (even more) words! When practising reading it is important segmenting words e.g. s – a – t and blending it together – sat. There are some words which are **tricky words** which we cannot segment. We teach the children to look, recognise and say these words. So far, the tricky words we have learnt so far are: **I, the, no, to, go, of**. The words taught this term will be **he, she, we, was, me, her, they, all, off**.

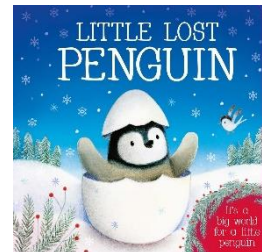
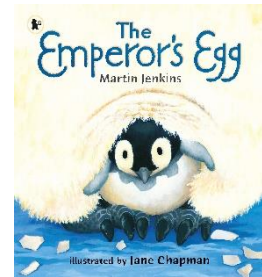
Homework:

- Listen to your child read their schoolbook most days. Please sign the diary when read, so we know you have read that book. It is also helpful to ask your child simple questions to see if they understood what they have read- if they didn't, tell them! Help them understand that the words have meaning.
- Please return your child's book and diary every **Monday**. If there is no signature, we will not change the book.
- Read stories to your child as often as possible!
- Look out for our topic overviews for ideas to support learning through everyday routines.

Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions or queries you may have. We are here to help, support and guide in any way we can.

BOOKS

In English, we will be reading:



MATHEMATICS

During maths lessons this half term, your child will be looking at ordering and comparing by size as well as finding 1 more and adding. We will be using a range of manipulatives alongside our usual Numicon resources.

Your child will be developing their mental maths by practising counting beyond 10, counting backwards from 20 and subitising numbers to 10. Please feel free to support your child at home.

TOPIC

The topic that we will be studying is called **Winter Wonderland**. Whilst we will be completing all curriculum subjects, this topic covers all 7 areas of Early Years curriculum. We will be learning to:

- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
- Explore places that have snow all year round and the types of animals that live there.
- Investigate penguins; exploring where they live, what they eat and where baby penguins come from.

You can speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day, or arrange an appointment by speaking to the office staff. Alternatively, you can email Mr Rondeau on krondeau@st.marks.dudley.sch.uk or Mrs Smith on gsmith@st.marks.dudley.sch.uk.

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