

Key Dates

School Opens

Tuesday 7th January

Welcome Meeting for New Parents

Tuesday 14th January

Fluoride Varnish - Oral Health Team

Wednesday 22nd January

RSPB Garden Bird Watch

Friday 24th January

Lunar New Year

Wednesday 29th January

Children's Mental Health Week

3rd to 7th February

Close for Half Term

Friday 14th February

Nursery opens

Monday 24th February

Look out for our Recipe each month—A healthy option that we will be making in school and that you can try at home.



Download the **50 things to do before you're five** app.

Look out for the 50 things activities on our weekly What's Happening

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Please download the Learning Journals app.

You can share what your child enjoys doing and photographs of your child's learning at home too.



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This Term in
Blue, Green, Purple and Orange Room



**Spring 1
2025**

More detailed plans are done on a weekly basis. These are displayed for you to view but please ask if you would like your own copy. We will also keep you updated in our weekly 'What's Happening'.

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

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Extending Children's Knowledge Following children's interests

How big is it?

Children have displayed interests in **measurements**. We will support children to further understand and compare size and length. (Big vs small/tall vs short and long vs short).



We will promote mathematical thinking, problem solving and exploration through real life contexts such as comparing heights of children/adults and plants, measuring ingredients for baking and checking the length of toys, or furniture. We will offer non-standard units such as blocks and sticks for children to measure with before introducing formal units. We will ensure measuring tools such as rulers, tape measures, weighing scales, measuring cups and jugs are available for children to explore with.

Sensory Exploration

The children have shown an interest in sprinkling and scattering. We will be exploring this further by creating sensory bottles that will be linked to our core stories. The bottles will contain different materials for the children to explore colour, light and sound. We will add resources such as scarves and shredded paper to the provision for children to explore their movements. Through dance sessions the children will be able to explore all their senses as they enjoy being creative through music and movement.



Introducing New Knowledge and Skills This is what we will teach the children

Letters and Sounds

We will teach the children about alliteration. This will involve listening to and using initial letter sounds, including listening for sounds that match the letter sounds of their name and other familiar objects. We will have fun making strings of words that all start with the same letter sound; for example *"big blue balloons"*

The core story in Blue and Green Room

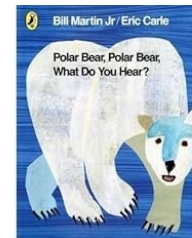
This well known, traditional tale is perfect for retelling, ordering, sequencing and joining in with repeated refrains. The children will sequence the story from beginning, middle and end. We will talk about the order of the characters and what they do in the story.



The core story in Purple and Orange Room

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?

This story follows a repeated story structure that the children will be able to recall. We will teach the Makaton signs and symbols and encourage the children to join in. We will use figures of animals from the story that will support naming objects and recognising sounds.



Celebrations - Lunar New Year

This year will be the year of the Wood Snake. We will read the story of Chinese New Year; a race between 12 animals. We will use the story to learn about ordinal numbers; 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.

Things you can do to support your child's learning

Your child will benefit from any amount of time you spend together doing simple things.

Supporting mathematical development at home is easier than you think. Point out the number of objects you see when you are out walking, visiting the shops or in the kitchen. Count things together and try to point to each object as you say the number. Counting up to five objects frequently, in a range of situations, will really help your child develop their mathematical skills.



All children will have the opportunity to visit our school library once a week but if you would like to swap books more frequently please speak to your child's Key Person.

Visit <http://www.loveyourbooks.co.uk/> for lots of ideas for book based activities.

Joining your local library is free of charge and a perfect way to boost a lifelong love of reading. Joining a library in Bradford gives your child the chance to join the Bookstart Bear Club.

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-people/bookstart-bear-club/>

We would like to support your family to join the local library and will be organising a visit this term.

