

## Key Dates

School Opens

**Tuesday 6th January**

Welcome Meeting for New Parents

**14th January**

RSPB Garden Bird Watch

**Friday 23rd January**

Fluoride Varnish - Oral Health Team

**Wednesday 28th January**

Close for Half Term

**Friday 13th February**

Nursery opens

**Monday 23rd 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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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  
2026**

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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# THIS HALF-TERM IN GREEN, BLUE, PURPLE and ORANGE ROOM

## Extending Children's Knowledge Following children's interests

### Magnets

Children have shown a fascination in magnets and noticing where magnets can attract in the classroom. We will extend this interest by encouraging the children to investigate and experiment with magnetic and non-magnetic objects. We will introduce the terms movement and force as they explore magnetism. We will introduce new words such as **–repel, attract, push, pull, metal and non metal**. We will support the children to build their curiosity, problem solving and early science skills as part of learning about the world around them. Children will experience awe and wonder as they physically feel the push and pull of magnetism with their bodies.



### Frozen World

The children have talked about the cold weather outside. We will follow this interest by talking about suitable clothing to wear in winter. We will introduce the word **“insulation”** and discuss what we wear and why. We will investigate ice using containers to make ice and find out about freezing and melting. We will use natural materials we find outside to make patterns on different surfaces to find out what happens to change the ice. We will take photographs of ice and frost and talk about the shapes that frost and ice can form.



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

### Letters and Sounds

We will teach the children about alliteration. We will listen to and use 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 story is based on a traditional tale and is perfect for retelling, ordering, sequencing and joining in with repeated refrain **“Run, run, as fast as you can”**. 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.



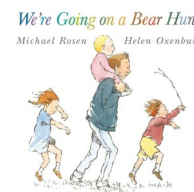
### The core story in Purple and Orange Room

This well-known story book is full of repetition, rhythm and words that make amazing sounds;

**“swishy swashy!” “squelch squerch!”**

By knowing the story really well we will be able to re-enact roles, experiment with the different sounds and sensory activities with different textures.

We will use the story to sequence the actions when the characters go on a journey, focusing on directional, positional language and developing concept of spatial orientation.



## 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.

### Learning Rhymes Together

Rhyming helps children learn about words and sounds. Hearing and using rhyme, rhythm and repetition helps children develop early literacy skills. Have some fun joining in with our Rhyme Challenge where we will learn a new rhyme each week. Rhyme sheets are available from your child's class. At the end of term we will invite you to join us for a rhyme time session and every child will receive a certificate. We hope you join in the fun and this fantastic learning experience with your child.



### The Library

All children 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.

Joining your local library is free of charge and a perfect way to boost a lifelong love of reading.

We would like to support your family to join the local library and will be organising a visit this term. Please speak to your child's Key Person if you would like to join us.

