

Welcome to Elf Class - Reception

Happy New year!

Welcome back to term 3! We hope you enjoyed all your celebrations and made lots of memories. PE days remain on **Fridays** and Forest school on **Thursdays**. Please ensure your children have correct clothing and footwear.

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Literacy

Key texts -Greedy Zebra/ Handa's Surprise

Comprehension

- Can I discuss key events in the story?
- Can I order events in the story?
- Can I describe key characters?

Writing

- Can I write recognisable lower case letters correctly?
- Can I hear/say initial, middle and end sounds in words?

Reading

- Can I begin to segment and blend words?
- Can I begin to read some common exception words?
- Can I begin to sight read familiar words?

Communication & Language

- Can I talk about the key parts of the story that I have just listened to?
- Can I ask questions to deepen my understanding?
- Can I describe events in detail?
- Can I connect one action or idea to another and explain my thinking?

Understanding the World

- Can I comment on similar things from the past to the present?
- Can I talk about seasonal changes?
- Can I sequence my day?
- Can I draw information from a simple map?
- Can I recognise and learn about different places around the world?

Amazing Animals



Phonics

- Can I hear and say sounds in words?
- Can I orally sound and blend words?
- Continue to learn phase 3 sounds.
- Learn and read common exception words.

Maths

- Can I count beyond 10?
- Can I recognise numbers 1-5?
- Can I accurately count objects, actions or sounds linking to cardinal value?
- Can I use language such as more than and less than?
- Can I compare weight and measure using non-standard forms of measure?

Physical Development

- Can I move in a variety of ways?
- Can I Develop balance and agility?
- Can I dress and undress myself?
- Can I use a range of small tools effectively?

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Can I consider the perspectives of others?
- Can I moderate my feelings socially and emotionally?
- Can I express positive opinion about myself and others?
- Can I show empathy to others?
- Can I manage my own personal hygiene and say why it is important?

Expressive Art & Design

- Can I create models using tools effectively?
- Can I share resources and work collaboratively?
- Can I talk about dance and drama performances that I see?
- Can I follow a dance sequence?