

# RECEPTION - SPRING 1

## MEET THE TEAM



Mrs Shivnan-Taylor



Mrs Keegan



Mrs Hussain



Mrs Siddique

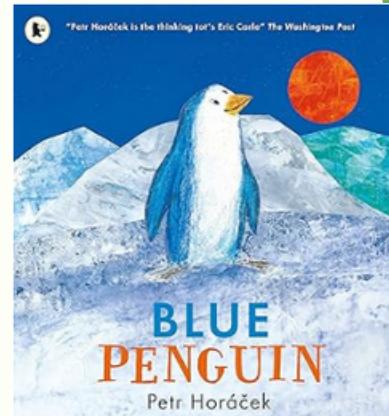
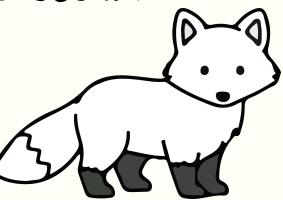
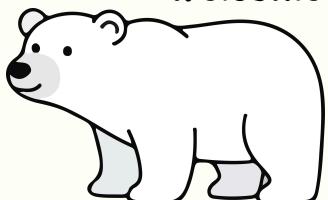


Miss Welch



This is always a very cold and frosty term so our topic this half term will centre around our literacy book 'The Blue Penguin' so our topic title is Winter Wonderland. We will be looking at lots of winter activities linked to the weather and animals in the polar regions.

If your children have books at home relating to the above theme, then they are welcome to bring those in.



BLUE  
PENGUIN  
Petr Horáček

# Notices

## PE

**P.E. Kits for Reception on WEDNESDAY**  
Reception children from this term will now take part in a P.E. lesson in the hall. Their PE slot is Wednesday morning. On Wednesday your child can come to school in their P.E kit. A P.E kit includes a blue polo shirts (same as uniform), leggings or jogging pants and a pair of trainers. Please ensure that all items of kit-including trainers are clearly labelled with your child's name



## OUTDOOR CLOTHING

As the weather changes and becomes colder, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves, if possible, for outdoor play.



## LABELLING

Please could we ask you to ensure that all items of uniform including shoes, coats, lunch boxes and spare clothes bags are clearly labelled with your child's name. Inevitably, items are put on the wrong peg, left in the classroom or accidentally go home with the wrong child. Clear labelling allows the children to become independent and enables us to find items quickly and return them to their owner.

# Benefits of Reading

## 1. Language Development

- Regular reading exposes children to new vocabulary, sentence structures, and sounds, which strengthens their language skills.
- It helps them understand how words connect to meaning, improving comprehension and communication.



## 2. Cognitive Growth

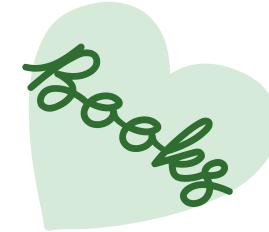
- Listening to stories stimulates imagination and creativity.
- It builds memory, attention span, and problem-solving skills as children follow plots and anticipate outcomes.

## 3. Emotional Bonding

- Shared reading time creates a sense of security and strengthens the parent-child relationship.
- It provides opportunities for comfort and positive interaction, which is essential for emotional well-being.

## 4. Early Literacy Skills

- Children learn how books work (left-to-right reading, turning pages) and begin recognizing letters and sounds.
- These foundational skills make the transition to independent reading smoother.



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## 5. Academic Success

- Studies show that children who are read to regularly perform better in school, especially in reading and writing.
- It fosters curiosity and a love for learning, which benefits all subjects.

## 6. Social and Emotional Understanding

- Stories introduce children to different characters, cultures, and situations, helping them develop empathy and social awareness.



Thank you in anticipation for your support and help

The Early Years Team

### Home Learning

Please can we ask for your continued support in reading daily with your child.

