

Secret Reader Fridays

We will continue Secret Reader Fridays throughout Autumn 2. We would love to welcome parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or other family members to take part. As we have two classes, we will require two Secret Readers each Friday.

If you would like to volunteer, please let us know by emailing the office or sending us a message on Tapestry and include:

- The date(s) you are available to attend.
- Which class your child is in.

We hope that this will foster a love of reading and create some wonderful surprises for the children. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school throughout the remainder of the Autumn term!

School Nativity

Throughout Autumn 2, the Reception children will be busy rehearsing and preparing for their Nativity performances, which will take place on **Tuesday 15th December 2026 at 9:15am and 2:30pm.**

Once roles have been assigned, the children will begin learning and practising their lines, songs and actions. We are always so proud of the children's enthusiasm and confidence as they work together to bring the Nativity story to life.

We will contact parents and carers nearer the time with information regarding costumes and any other arrangements for the performances.

Thank you for your support in helping the children practise at home if required. We know how much they enjoy sharing their hard work with their families, and we look forward to welcoming you to watch the performances and celebrating this special occasion together.

Respectful

Responsible

Ready to Learn

Deneholm Primary School



Compulsory Homework Expectations:

Homework is set every Friday and is due to be completed and handed in the following Wednesday.

Throughout the Autumn term, we will set letter formation worksheets based on our phonics learning at school for the children to complete at home.

As we progress throughout the academic year, children will be set writing and number homework tasks.

There is an expectation for you to **read** at home with your child at least **4 times** per week.



Topic

Festivals and Celebrations

Literacy and Phonics

Our Class Reads are:

Squirrel's Busy Day

The Gruffalo

It was a Cold Dark Night

Owl Babies

The Jolly Postman

The Story of Christmas

A Festive Feast

We will:

- Enjoy reading books independently and with others.
- Talk about our favourite characters and parts of stories.
- Blend sounds together to read words and short sentences.

Please find a list of vocabulary associated with each key text on the next page. You can discuss the words with your child and incorporate them into conversations.

Communication and Language

We will:

- Use questions to find out more about what happens in the world around us when we fall asleep at bedtime.

Reception

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 2

2026/2027



Physical Development

We will:

- Take part in weekly coach led PE sessions with a focus on dance and object manipulation.
- Learn to form and write letters and use scissors correctly.

PSED

We will:

- Follow the 'Jigsaw' PSHE topic, 'Celebrating Differences.'
- Know the importance of tooth brushing.
- Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others through reading the story, 'Owl Babies.'

Maths

We will:

- Develop our perceptual subitising skills.
- Use comparative language to spot patterns and create repeating patterns.
- Name 2D shapes.
- Explore the composition of numbers to 6.
- Respond to and use the language of direction.

Expressive Arts and Design

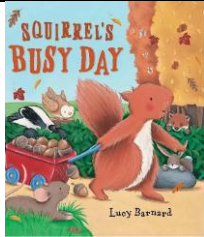
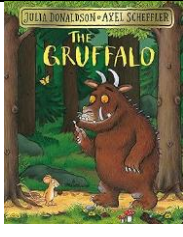
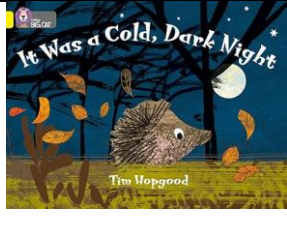
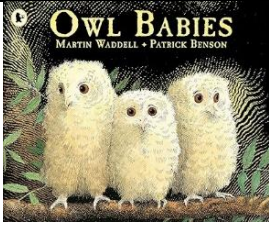
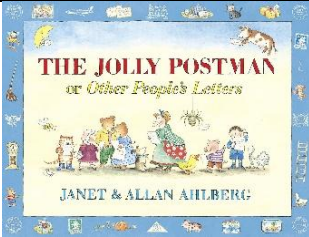
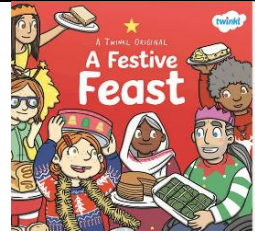
We will:

- Explore ways to make simple rhythms and sound effects using found materials and percussion instruments.
- Develop colour mixing techniques to match the colours they want to represent such as in the night sky.

Understanding the World

We will:

- Look at the importance of brushing our teeth and the importance of sleep.
- Name and describe some nocturnal animals and birds that live in our local area and in other countries.

Squirrel's Busy Day	The Gruffalo	It was a Cold, Dark Night	Owl Babies	The Jolly Postman	The Story of Christmas	A Festive Feast
By Lucy Barnard	By Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler	By Tim Hopgood	By Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson	By Janet and Allan Ahlberg	By Bookoli Ltd	Twinkl Original
						
squirrel forest branches gather collect acorns nuts basket busy helpful worried friends share autumn leaves rustle scamper sniff cosy hide	Gruffalo creature terrible tusks claws jaws knobbly poisonous wart prickles stream log pile underground owl fox snake woods path roared tremble	hedgehog burrow creep cold dark night forest snuffle shiver cozy warm nest twig leaves branches owl badger fox shelter winter	owl branch tree forest night dark worried brave mother missing waiting flutter perch feathers creep rustle shadow safe hug together	postman deliver letters envelope address parcel journey cottage forest giant witch castle bicycle knock visit storybook fairytale deliveries map post box	married carpenter Bethlehem journey miles inn stable precious shepherds manger frankincense myrrh gold dusty innkeeper magical sighed knelt news gasped	gifts humming peered gingerbread bebinca church leftovers share community volunteers neighbours wreaths tinsel accompanied recorder floated cheer wink mince pie power