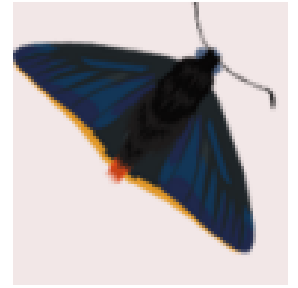


Firetips' Curriculum letter (Reception)- Spring term 2026



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break. We have already heard many amazing stories about what the children got up to during the holidays. Please do share photos and these special moments on Tapestry with us.

This half term our topic is, '**Once upon a time.**' This topic pays attention to traditional tales, kick starting with, 'Goldilocks and the three bears.' Below is a breakdown of how we will be learning within the seven areas of the EYFS.

In **Literacy**, we will be creating story maps, using descriptive language, writing an ending to a fairy-tale story, labelling pictures, creating a wanted poster, writing a list of ingredients for making porridge, writing letters and many other independent writing activities. Phonics will see us continue with our Phase 3 diagraphs and trigraphs.

In **Maths**, we will be exploring Subtraction, 3D shape names and properties, one more and one less and Number bonds to 5 and 10. As always, we will share how to explore these areas at home via Tapestry.

Expressive Art and Design will happen as the children engage and enjoy our role-play this term, which is a fairy-tale forest camp. They will enhance their role-play by making masks and puppets. In music they will explore how sounds can be changed and celebrating the Chinese new year through music and dance.

In our **Physical Development** sessions, we will be looking at ball skills through Football and Tennis before moving onto Gymnastics.

Personal, Social and Emotional development, will continue through our everyday routines, adapting our behaviours to different situations in school, sharing, taking turns and empathising with others in our general day to day activities that take place in early years. Our 'Feel good Friday' sessions will continue to use JIGSAW, to explore a sequence of lessons about 'Dreams and goals.'

Show and tell will continue to enhance our **Communication & Language** skills, along with using our voice to act out different characters, continuing with our oracy skills, listening to others and using talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

For **Understanding of the world**, Reception class will be visiting our local Library in St Albans town. In R.E, we will be exploring how different people celebrate and exploring Hinduism. We will be heading to forest school and in our Science lessons, we will continue exploring materials before moving onto Minibeast and growing.

We will be using the outdoors to assist our learning in all area, as well as our visits to forest school.

Tapestry

Thank you to all the parents/carers that have contributed so far this year on Tapestry. It is a great resource to see all the amazing things you and your child get up to at home and any learning takes place at home that we may not see at school. Please continue this and feel free to comment on observations we upload in school. Please do let us know if you need help logging on/downloading the

app, as this is a vital resource where we share lots of ideas on how to consolidate your child's learning at home.

P.E

P.E will be on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for these sessions. The weather will start to change soon, so trousers and jumper are also advised.

Library

Library will continue to be a Monday afternoon. Books must be returned on a **MONDAY MORNING** for your child to be able to take a new one out. If their current book is not returned, your child will not be able to choose another book and a reminder will be sent home. Please take care of the library books, if the book gets damaged or lost this could result in a fine being issued.

Clothing

As you are aware we have so much fun in EYFS but this can sometimes mean we get a little messy; paint, mud and shaving foam, to name a few... Now the weather has changed please provide a coat in school at all times for when we head outdoors and wellies for when we are splashing in puddles and digging for mud for our mud cakes. Thank you in advance.

Music

Music lessons will take place every Wednesday with Mr Mitchell.

Reading:

It is expected that your child should be reading at home for at least 10 minutes a day and this should be recorded in their reading record. Reading records will be checked daily so please make sure they are signed and in school daily. A reminder that only one read per day will be counted towards our 'Give me ten' scheme. If they read more than once or are read to at bed time that is fantastic, but only one read by your child will be counted. If there is anything you wish to discuss or if you have any concerns, we will be happy to talk to you at a convenient time. We want all the children to get their golden token for the vending machine this term, please keep reading.

Important dates:

Thursday 15th January 2026- EYFS share a story morning

Date TBC- Reception class trip to St Albans Library

Friday 13th February 2026- Break up for half term

Monday 16th February 2026- Friday 20th February 2025- Half term

Monday 23rd February 2026- Return to school

Thursday 5th March- World book day

Wednesday 18th March 2026- Expressive Art & Design share & learn (all of EYFS)

Friday 27th April 2026- Break up for the Easter break at 1:30pm

Thank you for all your co-operation, we look forward to another fantastic term with you all.

Mrs Ralph, Ms S & the EYFS team.