Holy Trinity
C of E Primary Academy and Nursery
Hope Within, Hope Beyond

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Reception: Spring Term 1 2026

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term.
The children have all very settled back to school really well after the Christmas break.

We had a very busy second half of the Autumn term. The children had the opportunity to join in numerous Christmas activities including Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner, Carols around the Tree, the Church Christmas service and the pantomime trip to Theatre Severn which they all enjoyed immensely.

We will continue with Drawing Club as our Literacy focus this half term. The children are always enthusiastic and imaginative during Drawing Club; many of them accessing Drawing Club frequently throughout each week. This half term, as the children become more confident with Phonics, we will be encouraging them to use their Phonic knowledge to write CVC code words and progressing to writing short phrases and sentences.

We will be planning learning opportunities using the children's fascinations and interests. We will be sharing a wide range of books, rhymes, poems and songs linked to seasonal changes and festivals. We will be learning about Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. We will be celebrating National Story Telling week and joining in with the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch.
If you would like to share any ideas for any of the learning we will be doing we would love to hear from you. Or if you would like to come in to class and read or share a story with the children during National Story Telling Week we would love to hear from you.

Your child will shortly be given a reading for pleasure book to share at home. Please encourage your child to handle the book correctly, start at the beginning, turn the pages over one at a time, and talk about what is happening in the illustrations. As your child learns letters in their Phonics sessions they will be given a reading book in line with their Phonics development.

Each week every class teacher chooses their 'star of the week'. The family of the 'star' will be invited to a special assembly on Fridays at 11.00am.

As a church school, our learning takes place through Christian Values. Our overarching school value is 'Hope'. The children will be looking at how this value links to our topics and how they can display our value in their everyday lives. If you see your child, or any member of the Holy Trinity community displaying any of our core values, we'd love to hear about it. We will be awarding children who go above and beyond to show our values a special 'Values Champion' award at the end of each half term.

Finally, if you have any special days which you celebrate as a family please could you let us know? It is great for the children to learn about the traditions and customs that their friends celebrate.

If you have any questions or thoughts about any of the above, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,
Mrs Meddins, Miss Cook, Mrs Owen, Miss Evans and Mrs Buffrey.

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These are some of the books we will be enjoying in class during this half term:











