

We will be learning:

- To write our first name and our family name If we can, forming the letters with increasing accuracy.
- To recognise an increasing number of digraphs (2 letters making one sound) and trigraphs (3 letters) and use this knowledge in our reading and writing.
- To recognise lots of harder to read and spell words (the, no, go, l) and use these in our reading and writing.
- To engage more deeply in story time, thinking about what we like and dislike as well as considering the feelings of different characters.

Reception Overview – Spring 1 2026

Our core story is:

Juniper Jupiter

By

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We will also spend a week learning about Lunar New Year.



At home you could:

- Please continue to read as much as possible with your child at home. Just a few minutes daily really helps.
- Practise name writing and writing for a purpose. Write cards, lists, notes to a family member. All opportunities for writing, help to build your child's confidence and ability.

Key skills for your child:

- To be able to concentrate for longer periods during the day.
- To be able to share and take turns without adult support.
- To put on their coat and zip it up and show responsibility for their possessions; gloves, hat, bag etc.
- To continue to develop careful letter formation.
- To write some simple words/captions with some growing independence.

Key vocabulary we will be learning:

Juniper Jupiter – sneaky, brave, lonely, mission, sidekick, checklist, audition, daunted, perfect, super sized.

Lunar new year – celebration, celebrate, dragon lucky, lantern, fireworks.

Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.