Foundation Stage Reception Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4



Spring Term 1 2026
We are learning about

Polar Lands and China





Things to do to help your child:

- Share books regularly with your child and record three times a week in your reading record.
- Ask your child what they have been learning
- Support with phonics by reading the new sounds and words on the Spring term sheet.
- Complete fortnightly maths challenges

Useful Websites

On our school website there are lots of activities for your child to do. Check it out at

https://thorpehesleyprimary.rotherham.sch.uk/

Other useful websites that may help your child are:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesizeprimary/
http://www.primaryinteractive.co.uk/
http://www.crickweb.co.uk
http://www.ictgames.com/
https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/

Remember to send your photos of activities that you do at home to us:

THP-Class2@nclt.ac.uk
THP-Class3@nclt.ac.uk
THP-Class4@nclt.ac.uk

This term we will be learning...

Area of learning	Objectives to be covered
Communication	Use new vocabulary through the day.
and Language	• Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
	Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.
	Describe events in some detail.
Personal,	• Show res <mark>ilience</mark> and perseverance in the face of challenge.
Social and	Think about the perspectives of others.
Emotional	Manage their own needs Personal hygiene
Development	
Physical	 Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical
Development	disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming.
	• Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group.
	Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility.
	Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.
	• Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.
Literacy	Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.
Maths	Count beyond 10.
	Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.
	Compare length, weight and capacity.
Understanding	• Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
the World	

	Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
	ELG
	• Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
	• Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.
Expressive	Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.
Expressive Arts and	 Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.
Design	

Focus for learning

Polar Lands and China

Lots of exciting learning will be taking place, including:

- Learning about a different country and their culture
 - Exploring maps and using the internet to find information
 - Exploring food, clothing and schooling in China

Homework Challenge

Can you research online with a grown up the information about China?

Use your learning to create a fan or a Chinese Dragon.