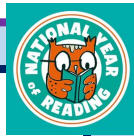




## Welcome back from Mrs McDairmant:

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you have had a good holiday. A huge thank you from all the team for your kind and thoughtful gifts, cards and messages. We wish you all a happy and healthy 2026. We have lots of interesting things coming up this term. 2026 is the National Year of Reading, as always we will read and discuss books in Playschool and look forward to hearing about the children's favourite stories from home. We are excited to welcome the children back and hearing about their holidays.



## Topics of the Term:

- **2026 National Year of Reading**
- **Burns' Night**- numbers, shapes, Scottish country dancing.
- **Chinese New Year**



## Eco Focus:

- Where does our recycling go?



## Spanish:



We are continuing with greetings and numbers.



## Dates for the Diary:

**Term start: Wed 7th Jan**

**Term end: Fri 13th Feb**

**Burns' Night focus- 19th- 30th Jan**

**Every Tues-** Sarah from Simple Sounds visits to introduce letters and do some literacy.

**Coming up in February-** focus on Chinese New Year; 2026 Year of the Horse

## Daily timetable:

**Early birds-** 8:30-9:00

**Day start-** 9:00

**Snack -** 10:30

**Lunch -** 12:30-13:00

**Home Time -**

15:00 - Mon - Thurs

12:30 - Fri



## Help From Home:

As the cold weather hits, please do send your children in with coats, hats, gloves and suitable shoes so they can continue to play outside. We can change them into wellies if you send them in with them.

With 2026 as The National Year of reading, please do feel free to share with us your favourite family book/story.

We begin the term with asking the children to draw and write in their green books about their holidays, please help with prompting these conversations with any big news, or gifts that you think the children would like to share with us.

We will be sending our "share bears" Bob and Cub home with the children's green books to see what the children like to do at home.

Our door is always open. Please do get in touch with any news from home. An absence, a delay or a change in circumstance; knowledge of any kind of change can help us best understand, support and work with your child. **Email:** [sheila.mcdairmant@btinternet.com](mailto:sheila.mcdairmant@btinternet.com) **Tel:** 07531 640 868 (during playschool hours)