



Reception Parent Planner – Spring 2026

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Vital vocabulary

Classroom, garden, forest school, street, road, city, Worcester, England, fox, rabbit, deer, squirrel, badger, country, Africa, Lion, Giraffe, Elephant, Zebra

Quality questions

What season is it and how do you know?
What do we need to wear in the colder weather?
Which animals live in the wild in England?
Where is Africa?
What animals live in the wild in Africa?
What is the weather like in Africa?
What fruits can they grow in Africa?

Marvelous memories

Walk around your local area spotting key features.
Create animal feeders for wildlife outside your house and watch to see who comes.
Go on a winter walk and spot signs of winter.
Post a letter
Look at where you live on a map

People and places

Visit your local town/city centre.
Walk from your home to school, noticing features along the way.
Talk to people who have visited a different country– How did they get there?
Visit a safari park or zoo to see some African animals.

Reliable reading

Practice the recognition to single letter sounds within 3 letter words such as dog, yum, sit.
Suggested stories to share at home:
The Everywhere Bear
Handa's surprise
Rosie's Walk
Non fiction about seasons, English wildlife and Africa

Rewarding research

[The British Winter | BBC Teach - YouTube](#)
[The Everywhere Bear - By Julia Donaldson - YouTube](#)
Meet the number 0: <https://youtu.be/eJdTZU08peM>
Africa: <https://youtu.be/PSYHMWmyVfo>
Go Jetters, Africa: Series 3 Episode 5– The Continent of Africa.
<https://youtu.be/hZeNXYREmxI>

This terms theme:

Around the world



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The Black
Pear Trust

As Readers and Writers we will:

- Develop our ability to sound out 3 and 4 letter words when reading.
- Apply our phonics skills to write words and begin to use these within simple supported sentences.
- We will continue to use 'Fred Talk' to decode and read words.



As Mathematicians this term we will:

- Develop an understanding of 0
- Compare numbers to five using the language 'more than, fewer than and equal to'
- Grow our understanding of 6, 7 and 8.
- Explore and compare items in relation to mass and capacity.



To develop our physical skills we will....

- Complete activities that strengthen our core muscles.
- Develop our understanding of spatial awareness and move with more accuracy and coordination.
- Develop our pencil grip so that we are using 3 fingers and thumb more comfortably.
- Practice and refine our letter formation.
- Develop scissor skills to cut zig zags and curves

As communicators we will:

- Use words to describe the environment (inside and out).
- Respond and ask questions about our locality and describe the area around our school.
- Use words to describe our country and the animals native to the UK.
- Ask and respond to questions about what the weather is like in our country.
- Compare UK to Africa and describe Africa's climate and animals.

To develop our social and emotional skills we will:

- Recognise our feelings.
- Begin to initiate turn taking with less adult support.
- Develop concentration for longer periods of time.

To help us understand the world around us we will...

- Explore our locality from our school to the local community around us discussing the key features and animals.
- Explore what Africa is like and compare this to England.
- Begin to use and understand simple maps.

As Artists this term we will:

- Use African textiles to create repeated patterns by printing with found objects.
- Use tools with increasing accuracy.
- Use a tab to attach two materials.