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Ravenfield Primary Academy

Welcome to Reception



All about Miss Rodgers

My favourite subject is:

Literacy! I love reading books and discovering new stories. My favourite book when I was in Reception was The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.

My favourite colour is:

Pink!

My favourite animal is:

I love all animals but my favourite is a cat. This is my cat, Ziggy.



My hobbies and interests:

- Reading
- Listening to music
- Travelling and visiting new places
- Going for long walks in the countryside

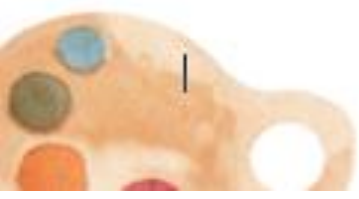


Interesting facts about me:

- I have been a teacher at Ravenfield for the last eight years.
- When I was little I enjoyed horse riding and had three pet ponies.

Something I am looking forward to next year:

- I am looking forward to getting to know you.
- I am looking forward to all the exciting activities we have planned, including baking and Woodland Wednesday!





Reception expectations:

- Bring your bookbag to school every day. We change phonics books and library books on a Friday.
- Read your books at least 3x a week and record in your reading record to earn a house point.
- In Reception we do PE once a week (day TBC).
- Send your child with a waterproof suit and wellies to keep at school (we access provision outside daily).
- Send a spare set of clothes in your child's bag.
- Send a water bottle to school each day (no juice or squash please).
- Label all your child's belongings including all items of clothing, PE kit, water bottle, lunch box, wellies etc.

Overview of learning

Year Group:	Reception	Class:	Owls	Teacher:	Miss Rodgers	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Learning journey theme	Me and My Body	Celebrations	Down in the Jungle	Spring is in the Air	Protect the Planet	Once upon a time
Overarching inquiry question	What makes me <u>ME</u> ?	What is celebrated around the world?	Why are some jungle animals dangerous?	How does the world around me change?	How can I be a superhero?	Who can we trust?
Hook / celebration	Hook: Children to share their personal history. Children to bring to bring in photos from special moments in their past e.g. a holiday Celebration: Visit from grandparents to talk about how holidays have changed	Hook: watch a fireworks display (video) and toast marshmallows around the campfire Celebration: Nativity performance	Hook: Meet the Creature visit – January 2026 Celebration: Jungle dress up day	Hook: <u>spring time</u> mystery box Celebration: Seasonal walk around local area (woods) Fri 20 th March 2026	Hook: junk modelling <u>stay</u> and learn with parents Celebration: visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park – May 2026	Hook: children follow clues to find a story character hiding in woods and read a story e.g. goldilocks Celebration: teddy bears picnic with parents
Seasonal experience	Starting school	Bonfire Night Christmas	Pancake Day	Easter Mother's Day		Father's Day
Nursery rhymes:	Finger rhymes focused on number: 12345 once I caught, 10 green bottles	Finger rhymes: Tommy Thumb, Dance thumbkin dance	Action rhymes: Follow a beat, pat-a-cake,	Action rhymes: <u>Incy Wincy</u> Spider, The Animal Fair	Movement rhymes: Dingle dangle scarecrow, Row <u>Row Row</u> Your Boat	Movement rhymes: Mulberry bush, The Grand Old Duke of York
Author of the half term	Michael Rosen	Julia Donaldson	Lydia Monks	Mick Inkpen	Judith Kerr	Hans Christian Andersen
Stories to read by the end of FS2	Harry and the dinosaurs go to school We're going on a bear hunt Owl Babies	Kipper's Birthday Room on the Broom <u>Superworm</u>	Aaargh Spider The Ugly Five Mr <u>Gumpy's</u> Outing	Farmer Duck The Pirate Cruncher	<u>Supertato</u> The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Snow White Cinderella

Autumn 1

Reception – Learning Journey and Homework Menu



Here you will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher. Our current learning journey is: Me and My Body: What Makes Me ME?

Homework Menu

- Children are invited to bring in a photograph of a special memory from their own personal history e.g. a holiday or a birthday party. Children will be sharing these during circle time at school.
- Draw a picture of someone in your family who is special to you.
- Look at photographs of yourself when you were a baby. How have you changed?
- Perform the rhyme Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes to a grown up.
- Don't forget to share your library and phonics book with your family. Please record this each time in your reading record. You must read 3 times to earn a house point. You can also record other books you read at home too!

Reminders

- We change books every Friday.
- Stay and learn event – 2:15pm, Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

Learning Journey

- During this half term, FS2 are reading *The Colour Monster Goes to School, So Much!*, *The Scarecrow's Wedding* and *Handa's Surprise*.
- In Maths we will be matching, sorting and comparing amounts, measuring weight and size and investigating pattern.
- Children will be creating their own house pictures using 2D shapes, inspired by the artist Paul Klee.
- Rhyme time focus: '12345, Once I Caught a Fish Alive' and '10 Green Bottles'
- We will celebrate the end of our topic with a Stay and Learn event. Families will be invited into the classroom to play in provision with their child.



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Autumn 2

Reception – Learning Journey and Homework Menu



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Homework Menu

- Watch some fireworks with your grown up and talk about what colours you see. What noises can you hear?
- Draw around your hand on a piece of paper and design a Henna pattern on it.
- Tell the story of The Gunpowder Plot to a grown up.
- Draw a picture of a snowman using 2D shapes. Can you use circles, triangles, squares and rectangles?
- Don't forget to share your library and phonics books with your family. Please record this each time in your reading record. You must read 3 times to earn a house point. You can also record other books you read at home too!

Reminders

- EYFS Nativity – Wednesday 10th December at 9:15am

Learning Journey

- During this half term, the children will be learning about different celebrations around the world. They will be finding out about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas. Our core texts will include lots of non-fiction books about these events, as well as Chapatti Moon and It's Snow Day.
- In Maths we will be exploring 2D shapes including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles as well as investigating the composition of numbers 1-5.
- Children will be using clay to make diva lamps to celebrate Diwali.
- Rhyme time focus: 'Tommy Thumb' and 'Dance Thumbkin Dance' (finger rhymes)
- We will celebrate the end of our topic by performing our Christmas Nativity.



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Visits and Exceptional Experiences

<u>Visit</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Key information</u>
Stay and learn	Autumn 1 Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Parents are invited into school to play in provision with their child.
Campfire experience	Autumn 2 Date TBC	Children will toast marshmallows and sing songs around a real campfire in our woodland area.
Jungle animal encounter	Spring 1 Date TBC	Children will get to meet and hold a variety of jungle animals including snakes, lizards and creepy crawlies!
Local area walk	Spring 2 Friday 20 th March 2026	Children will go on a walk to the woods in the village to hunt for signs of Spring.
Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Summer 1 Date TBC	Children will engage with contemporary art and create their own sculptures.
Whole school picnic	Summer 2 Date TBC	Parents are invited into school to enjoy a picnic with their child.

Key Dates for your diary

Monday 1st September – INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September – Reception return to school

Wednesday 22nd October – EYFS stay and learn (2:15pm)

Friday 24th October – INSET Day

Monday 3rd November – children return to school

Tuesday 4th November – Phonics stay and learn (time to be confirmed)

Wednesday 10th December – EYFS Christmas performance (9:15)

Friday 12th December - Christmas carol service for grandparents (time to be confirmed)

Tuesday 16th December – EYFS Christmas party



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