

In maths we will be doing lots of Number work such as matching numerals to quantities, verbal counting beyond 20 and subitising. Children in nursery will be learning to subitise and learning about number composition. You can help your child by noticing amounts in the environment e.g. I can see 3 pebbles here, there are 2 cars left in the car park etc.



### Maths

Children in Nursery will be engaging with stories through story sacks and action songs. Please remember to bring Reception book bags every day as they need them for phonics lessons. Children in Nursery are encouraged to use the Nursery library on a Wednesday.



In literacy we will be reading a selection of books and using our phonics in our writing. In drawing club we will be exploring books, tales and animations such as Pingu, the Not Now Bernard and Wacky Races.

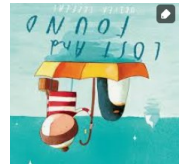
### Literacy

### General Messages

- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery for school.
- Children need a water bottle at school with their name on. We would advise water only.
- All children receive free school milk until their 5th birthday. After they turn five, if your child would like to still have milk at school, you will need to pay for it unless you are in receipt of SOA (Scheme of aid.) Milk can be paid for at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)
- As colder weather is now upon us please ensure children have sufficient clothing for outdoor play as we do go out in all weathers. Please make sure all clothes have your child's name in.
- Each week we choose a child to take home our special teddy bears (Humphrey, Martha and Ted) and write about their weekend activities.
- Look out for your child being chosen to take our book bags home with some lovely stories to share with a hot chocolate!
- If your child brings a packed lunch please be aware that their lunch box must contain **cold** food only. Food containing nuts is not allowed in school at all because we have some children with allergies so please bear this in mind. Can we also ask that whole grapes are cut in half lengthways to minimise the risk of choking. We also ask that parents don't send sweets or chocolate bars but a chocolate covered biscuit or cake is fine.
- If your child is in reception please remember to order their dinner at home on the gateway app. You can do this the night before school or for a few days/weeks in advance. You could also order each morning however you must order before 8am as it closes at that time for parents. If your child brings a packed lunch please select this option on the gateway app and fill it in for a couple of weeks in advance.

Can we politely remind parents that we ask for a £3.00 contribution each half term to allow us to provide further opportunities for the children e.g. Christmas boxes, baking, food tasting and homemade playdough. These contributions make a big difference to the provision we can provide.

Kind Regards, Miss Law and The Early Years Team.



This half term is a short half term but we have packed it full of very exciting learning and experiences!

We will also be learning about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated. We plan to set up a Chinese restaurant and taste lots of yummy Chinese food as part of our learning.

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you have all had a nice Christmas and spent some lovely family time together. This half term we will be looking at a selection of books such as Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers and The Snowman. We will be learning about which animals live in the Antarctic as well as exploring ice and freezing and melting.

## Topic news

### This term we will be looking at books all about winter and the Antarctic.



Shawlands Primary School  
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Newsletter



## Spring 1 Term 2025

Welcome back to our Spring 1 term.

In this newsletter we hope to let you know some of the activities that your child will be taking part in over the coming weeks and provide you with some useful information.

### Important Dates

Monday 6th January— School opens for the spring term.

Week commencing 10th January—we are taking part in the big school bird watch this week.

Friday 7th February—NSPCC Number Day. Details to follow.

This half term—we break up on Thursday 13th of February and return to school on Monday 24th of February.

Friday 14th February—school closed for INSET day