

EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026 TERM 1

Term 1 Welcome!

We are so excited to welcome our youngest learners to Coxheath Primary School. This term we will be immersing our lovely new Reception children into the topic '**My Teddy and I**'. We are excited to support children's learning this term through three core texts, '**Goldilocks and the Three Bears**', '**The Bear Hunt**' by Michael Rosen and '**Biscuit Bear**' by Mini Grey.

These texts will offer a multitude of opportunities for the development of children's Communication and Language skills through active engagement. With opportunities for children to retell stories and role play, to ask questions and share their ideas all within a language rich environment.

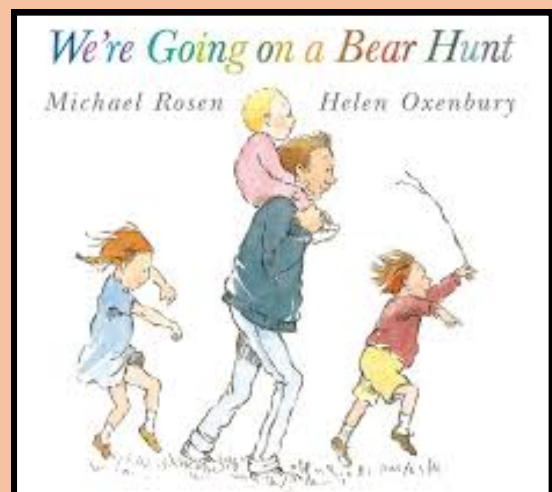
Children will begin their daily **phonics** sessions, all based around active learning with opportunities to practise these skills in their 'own learning' (child-led learning time). There will be daily story time sessions where children become familiar with texts and begin to develop language comprehension skills.

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In **mathematics** we will be working on obtaining a strong grounding and a deep understanding of numbers to five and beyond. Our learning will be supported by the Numberblocks and children will be encouraged to identify and order numbers to 5 and beyond looking at the composition of numbers and learning strategies to count accurately.

Dates for your diary

- **Friday 2nd October** 'Bear Hunt' Performance @ 2:45pm KS1 playground.
- **Monday 12th October** 'Biscuit Bear Bake Off' (further details to follow).
- **Wednesday 14th October** - Yr R Phonics Workshop @2:30pm KS1 hall.
- **Thursday 15th October** - final day of Term 1.



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My Teddy and I

In **Expressive Art and Design** we will use a range of tools to create pieces of art including paint, pastels and charcoal. We will be experimenting with texture in Art, creating piece of art linked to a variety of habitats from 'The Bear Hunt'. These will include adding grass to paint and mixing mud to create thick, oozy mud artwork. All children will take part in the '**Biscuit Bear Bake Off**' with more information on this exciting highlight to follow. We will also be learning the words and adding movement to the story '**The Bear Hunt**' culminating in a short mid-term performance to parents and carers.



In **Physical Development** we will be practising our gross and fine motor skills through daily 'clever fingers' activities and weekly physical education lessons. Children will begin with movement, taking part in the balance, education and movement programme 'BEAM' with an emphasis on achievement and fun.

In **Personal Social and Emotional Development** children will be supported to understand their own and others emotions. Children will learn ways to manage and regulate their emotions supported by the introduction of our whole school 'Ladder' behaviour policy.



Learning & Creating

In **Understanding the World** the children will be invited to share their understanding of themselves and their immediate family through the use of their 'Summer Book'. Children will be encouraged to talk about their family and themselves and begin to develop an understanding of themselves as unique individuals.



The children's differences will be celebrated and the children will develop an understanding of just what an important member of their class they are!

Without further a do, ... ready Teddy go!!!

