Rowland Hill Nursery School & Children's Centre

Keep Learning Autumn 2 2026 Green Room

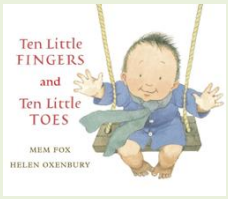
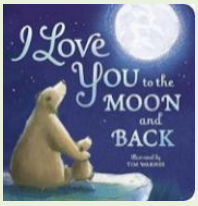
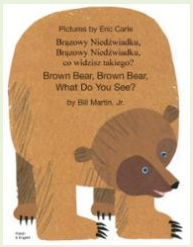
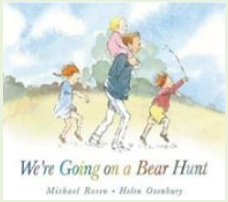
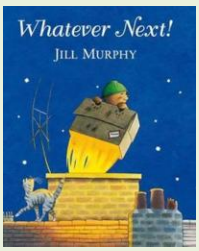


Take a look at the planned learning opportunities and adult guided activities this term

Our focus value this term is: Curious and Creative

- **Children take a lead in their learning, guided by their interests and developed by expert practitioners.**
- **Staff and the wider early years workforce are encouraged and trusted to take risks in their practice to provide provocations for their own and children's learning.**
- **We value the creative contributions and expertise of our families, and our local and professional community to broaden our opportunities and learning for all.**



Focus text - We will be reading		
Week 1 - Ten fingers, ten toes  Ten Little FINGERS and Ten Little TOES MEM FOX HELEN OXENBURY Ten Little Fingers And Ten Little Toes By Mem Fox - Kids Book Read Aloud	**Week 2 - Every little thing**  THREE LITTLE BIRDS BOB MARLEY EVERY LITTLE THING "Every Little Thing" (Three Little Birds) Children's Book Singalong | Bob Marley | Music for Kids	**Week 3 - Love you to the moon and back**  I Love You to the MOON and BACK I Love You Night and Day by Smriti Prasadam Halls Read by Lara
Week 4 - Little red hen  Ladybird First Favourite Tales The Little Red Hen The Little Red Hen read by Lara	**Week 5 - Brown bear**  Pictures by Eric Carle Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? | Fan's Animated Book |	**Week 6 - Were going on a bear**  We're Going on a Bear Hunt We're Going on a Bear Hunt (French) read by Amevi
Week 7 - What ever next  Whatever Next! JILL MURPHY Whatever Next - Read by Camola and Spiderman)		

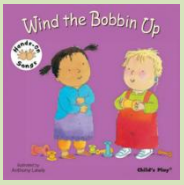
Rhyme of the Week - We will be singing

Week 1 - Incy Wincy spider



Incy Wincy Spider

Week 2 - Wind the bobbin up



wind the bobbin up song - Search

Week 3 - 5 Little Ducks



5 Little Ducks with Amevi - YouTube

Week 4 - Zoom zoom zoom



Zoom Zoom Zoom We're Going to The Moon - The Kiboomers Preschool Songs For Circle Time

Week 5 - I have a little turtle



Turtle song by Alberta!

Week 6 - Hanukah song

Hanukkah is here



We will be practising our winter celebration songs. Here are the links to the songs which you can practise at home and prepare the vocals for the 11th December.

Christmas Pudding
Jingle Bells
A Robot Came to Dinner
Hanukkah is here
We Wish you a Merry Christmas
Penguin song and dance
When Santa got stuck up the Chimney
Diwali is here lyrics



Sign of the week - We will be learning these Makaton signs

Week 1 & 2

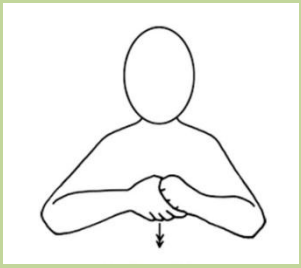




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Week 3 & 4





friend

Week 5 & 6



Week 7

Review

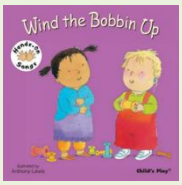
We will be learning about these early phonics concepts in our play

Weeks 1 & 2 - Our phonological awareness focus will be: To develop awareness of sounds and rhythms.

To develop awareness of sounds and rhythms through performing action songs and creating actions for familiar songs



Incy Wincy Spider



wind the bobbin up song



Weeks 3 & 4 - Our phonological awareness focus will be: Tuning into sounds





Develop children's listening skills - Listening walks round different environments: Listening walks can support childrens learning in many different ways, exposure to sounds helps children develop langauge skills, memory and attention. It can also support social skills learning to understand social cues fostering emotional stability, listening to natural sounds encourages children to have a deeper connection with the envrinment promoting a love an understanding of nature.

Weeks 5 & 6- Our phonological awareness focus will be: : experience and develop awareness of sounds made with instruments and noise makers



Children will be exploring using musical instruments to add sound effects to our stories. Children will be exploring a range of instruments looking at the different sounds we can make.

Weeks 7 – Embed learning from the term

We will be learning about these Maths concepts in our play

Weeks 1 & 2- Our Maths focus will be: Pattern



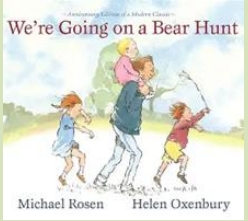
Learning about patterns and connection provides an important foundation for later mathematical thinking and reasoning. Patterns help children make predictions because they begin to understand what comes next. Introducing patterns through rhymes and stories helps children understand patterns in speech and language. When you teach children to become aware of patterns, they develop the skill of spotting patterns for themselves e.g. matching one-to-one with objects, pictures, or numbers, simple repetitions in pictures or speech, patterned material or small objects for arranging in different patterns.

Weeks 3 & 4 - Our Maths focus will be: Comparison



This week we will be using the mathematical language 'more than/ less than' with children during their play, children will learn to identify when needing to add to something or if they need to remove/take away something as they need less.

Week 5 & 6 - Our Maths focus will be: Shape & Space



We will be exploring spatial words for shape and space: over/under/through

The benefits of encouraging spatial awareness and navigation in early childhood are numerous and far-reaching. These skills are not only essential for everyday tasks but also lay a solid foundation for later learning and development. Children use

these skills to understand the physical world around them. Understanding spatial relationships allows children to move and navigate in their world. Activities like climbing and squeezing themselves into different types of space develops this further.

Week 7 - Our Maths focus will be: Cardinality & Counting



When children understand the cardinality of numbers, they know what the numbers mean in terms of knowing how many things they refer to. Number songs are a great way to learn this especially when using visual props.

5 Little Ducks with Amevi - YouTube

Adult Guided activities in play

Weeks 1 & 2 – Introduction to junk modelling



Introduction to junk modelling

- Developing creativity
- Problem solving
- Open ended
- Expand vocabulary improve communication skills
- Boost self-esteem and confidence



Weeks 3 & 4 - Bread rolls



Making bread is not only a fun and educational activity but also offers numerous benefits for children's development

There are many learning opportunities within cooking

- Mathematical opportunities – counting / measuring
- Learning to listen by following instructions this is an important life skill. Verbalise the instructions one at a time as you go
- This is also a good time to teach children to wash their hands properly before, during and after preparing food
- Physical development - children strengthen their fingers and develop coordination and control as they learn to stir, pour, kneed



Weeks 5 & 6 – Natural decorations to hang around the garden





- Develop hand eye coordination
- Sustainability awareness, importance of recycling Sparks creative thinking

Please remember to bring in your empty boxes and containers

Weeks 7 – Wrapping box station





- Fine motor skills – cutting/folding
- Sensory exploration – touch/smell/sound
- Shared interactions
- Communication skills
- Links to personal experiences

Seasonal Calendar activities and events
Please see the activity posters below

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Friday 13th November 2026

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The 5 official rhymes for 2026 are:

Hickory Dickory Dock

Doctor Foster

Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat

Row Row Row Your Boat

12345

The importance of nursery rhymes for the under 7's

Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools:

Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development

They help children to develop literacy skills

They provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills

Nursery rhymes help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills.

Individual children's photos



Wednesday 25th November 2026

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school photographers

Save the Children

Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 10th December 2026





Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive knit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve.

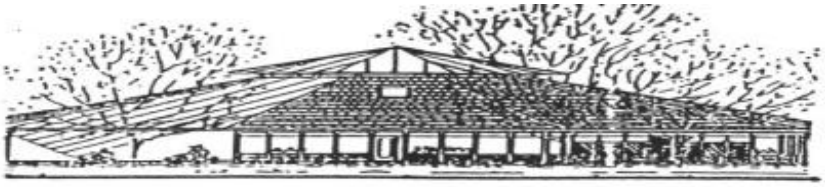
Please donate 50p



4th-12th December 2026

HAPPY
HANUKKAH

May the light of happiness
shine upon you.





Rowland Hill Winter Celebration

Thursday 10th December 2026



After School we would like as many families as possible to join us in the big garden at 3.45pm for seasonal songs that your children will be learning over the term.



This will be followed by hot chocolate, mince pies and lovely treats by the campfire.





25th December



will return to Rowland Hill in December. He will be reporting back to Santa each day via

Wednesday 9th December

Traditional Christmas dinner for full time children

Thursday 10th December

Christmas party and a special visitor

