



Early Years Foundation Stage Nursery and Reception Newsletter Summer Term 1 2024 - 2025

Welcome back! Mrs Carter, Mrs Oakes, Mrs Butcher and I hope you have enjoyed a lovely, sunny Easter break. The school year has flown by so far and we can't quite believe we only have one term remaining. We are looking forward to another term of learning and new topics to enjoy.

Curriculum

This half term we will continue to explore the effects of Spring on our environment and work to develop our garden area where we have already planted peas, potatoes and daffodils. We will also be planting beans and having a sunflower growing competition. As always, we will use books to support our learning; this half term our class reading will include Jack and The Beanstalk, Jim and the Beanstalk, Jasper's Beanstalk and Luna Loves Gardening.

Developing and embedding key skills in the three prime areas of the Early Years curriculum; Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development will continue to remain priority. Our Reception pupils will also continue to work towards their Early Learning Goals across the curriculum.

Phonics

This half term, the children in Reception will begin to work on Phase 4 where they will continue to consolidate the sounds they have learnt so far and develop their confidence with reading and writing longer words and short phrases. There will also be new tricky words to learn to read and spell.

The nursery children are really enjoying their weekly phonics sessions where they are beginning to explore individual letter sounds and play games to support their oral blending skills.

Maths

Nursery children will continue to develop early counting and number skills through their play and exploration of the activities in our indoor and outdoor provision. Learning and singing number rhymes will continue throughout the day, in addition to the activities and resources available through our continuous provision.

Through our focused maths sessions Reception children will begin to explore number beyond 10. We will be looking at how to build numbers from 11-20, recognising pattern and begin to use knowledge of tens and ones to subitise.

Maths lending library

The maths lending library has been a great success and will continue through the summer term. Thank you for the care that has been taken to look after our maths resources.

Reception Reading Awards

We are so impressed with the number of children who have already received a reading award this year. Please continue to support your child's reading development by encouraging them to read with you every day. Just a few pages a day really does make all the difference to your child's overall learning and development.

Lending Library

The lending library will continue this half term with the addition of some new books added for children to choose from. Please enjoy sharing these books with your children at home and remember they can return their books at any time to change them.

Rhyme Time

Rhyme time is proving to be hugely popular with our Nursery and Reception children! We are all really enjoying both learning some new rhymes, as well as recapping some old favourites. We shall continue with another five rhymes over this half term. Keep an eye out on Tapestry to see which rhyme we are learning each week!

Mystery Reader

Mystery reader continues to be very popular with all our children. Thank you to those of you that have already volunteered. We are always looking for mums, dads, aunties, uncles, grandmas, grandads etc who would be happy to come in and share a book with us. Please speak to Mrs Carter, Mrs Butcher or me if you or someone you know would be interested in doing this.

Physical Development

We shall continue to take full advantage of our spacious outdoor area to continue development of key physical skills. We are hopeful for some sunnier and warmer weather to enjoy more of our favourite outdoor activities.

PE

Reception will continue to receive two weekly PE sessions with Mr Dalmedo. Please ensure that your child's kit has appropriate clothing for outdoor PE sessions during these warmer months.

Warm Weather

As the weather (hopefully) begins to warm up, please could you ensure that sun cream is applied before school and that children come to school with a named sun hat. Children should also have a named water bottle in school every day.

Lost Property

Over the last term several parents asked us about lost jumpers and cardigans. We are finding that many children are coming to school with unnamed items of clothing. As I'm sure you can appreciate it is a near impossible task to reunite lost items with their owners if they are not named, particularly identical items such as jumpers and cardigans. We thank you for your support with this.

Toddler and Baby Group

Our weekly Baby and Toddler group will continue to run every Friday during term time in the school hall. All are welcome from babies to pre-schoolers. It's a very friendly group so please do pop along with any younger siblings. Timings are 9:45am – 11:00am.

Hopefully this newsletter has given you a brief snapshot into the busy term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the team and don't forget to check out Tapestry and the school newsletters for regular updates and diary dates.

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