



## Nursery and Reception Newsletter

**Summer Term 2  
2024 – 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back for our sixth and final half term of the year! We hope you have enjoyed a restful half term break. I can't quite believe that we have reached our final seven weeks of this academic year. It is going to be a very busy half term, and we are all are greatly looking forward to the learning and events planned over the coming weeks.

### **Curriculum**

We are very excited to begin this term with our Early Years trip to Hogshaw Farm on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. We are looking forward to seeing the wide range of animals they have there and learning more about their habitats.

Our bespoke Early Years curriculum will this term focus on growing and planting and look at seasonal change as we finally see the beginnings of summer. Within this we will explore minibeasts and enjoy classic stories such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Superworm and The Giant Jam Sandwich. We have lots of great activities planned and the introduction of our Busy Bee Challenges for the Reception children will help to support the children's independence and confidence in completing structured tasks.

### **Transition**

For those children moving into our Reception class in September, several activities will be taking place throughout this term to support the transition from nursery to school. Short PE sessions have already begun with Mr Dalmedo and they are proving very popular! Mrs Carter will also support the children to explore wider areas of the school, and the children will experience eating lunch in the hall and joining some collective worship celebrations.

For our Reception pupils we will begin discussions about their move from Early Years to Key Stage 1 and begin to prepare them for what will be the same and different in September.

All our children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers on our school transition day on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**.

### **Phonics**

Our Reception children have made fantastic progress in our daily phonics sessions this year and will continue to revise and embed all the phonics knowledge they have gained during the year to prepare them for beginning Phase 5 once they move into Year 1.

Mrs Carter has been working throughout this year with those nursery children moving up to reception on basic phonic awareness. Weekly phonics sessions have focused on oral blending skills and sound discrimination. The purpose of these sessions is to begin to build the foundations for phonics to prepare for the daily sessions they will have in Reception. The children have really enjoyed these sessions, and we hope they will give them a great head start ready for September.

## **Maths**

Early counting, number and shape is threaded through our indoor and outdoor learning environments and all children are encouraged to develop their mathematical skills through play and exploration of the activities in our provision. Reception children will continue with weekly focused maths sessions and this term we will continue to work with numbers up to 20, embedding skills of counting, subitising, adding and subtracting.

## **Reading**

### **Reception Reading Awards**

We now only have this final seven weeks to work towards achieving your next reading award. We will continue to check reading records every week and count the number of reads your child has completed at home. Please continue to support your child's early reading development by reading with them for just five minutes every day.

### **Lending library**

The class lending libraries have been a great success, and we have been so pleased to see how many children are visiting the lending library boxes regularly to choose new books to enjoy with you at home. Please do remember to return the books back to us in school so that your child can choose a new one to enjoy.

*Research tells us that young children whose parents read to them daily have been exposed to at least 290,000 more words by the time they enter school than children who aren't read to regularly.  
Please, please, please read at least once a day with your child.*

## **Physical Development**

We shall continue to take full advantage of our spacious outdoor area to develop key physical skills. As the warmer weather arrives, we are looking forward to making the most of our lovely outdoor spaces. Nursery will be adventuring to wider parts of the school to enjoy parachute games, drumming and ring games. We are looking forward to our annual school sports day on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Please keep an eye out on Parentmail for further details closer to the time.

## **Magic Moments**

Thank you for all the wonderful Magic Moments we have received throughout this year. It has been wonderful to celebrate all the great moments you have with your child at home. We will send a final blank certificate home with your child during the first week and look forward to receiving this back with your child's latest 'magical moment'.

## **Toddler and Baby Group**

Our weekly Toddler and Baby group runs every Friday during term time in the school hall. All are welcome from babies to pre-schoolers. It is a friendly group so please do pop along with younger siblings and share with friends and family. Timings are 9:45am – 11:00am.

## **Weather**

In Early Years, we spend much of our day outdoors and as the weather begins to get warmer please send your child to school with a named sunhat and ensure that they bring a full, fresh bottle of water every day. Sunglasses are not necessary, and we ask you to leave these at home to prevent them from becoming lost or broken. Unfortunately, we are not able to apply sunscreen to the children so please ensure that you apply this before they come to school. Thank you!

**End of Year Picnics**

The end of year picnics is one of our yearly highlights and we are looking forward to celebrating the end of another successful year with our Nursery and Reception pupils and their families once again this term. We will send out the dates and details for these via Parentmail this week and we look forward to seeing you there.

Hopefully this newsletter has given you a brief snapshot into the exciting term ahead. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to pop in and see either myself, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Carter or Mrs Oakes and don't forget to check out Tapestry, Parentmail and the school newsletters for regular updates and news.

**Mrs Rumble**  
**Early Years Lead**