



Reception Newsletter



SUMMER TERM 1

APRIL 2024



Welcome to Reception's fifth newsletter of the year. We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. Below is a brief summary of the things we will be covering over the next 7 weeks.

If you ever have any questions regarding information in the newsletter or just in general, please speak to a member of the Reception team or contact the school office who will direct your queries to us.

This half term our work and activities will be based around our topics **lifecycles, minibeasts and farms**.

In week 1, we will learn about **Ramadan** and **Eid** and explore the beliefs, traditions and celebrations that Muslims around the world practice during this special time.

In weeks 2 and 3, we will identify, name & describe some **minibeasts** that we find in our surrounding natural environment and explore and describe the life cycles of some of these creatures.

In Week 4, we will think about the **similarities and differences** between animals.

In week 5, we will identify, name & describe some **farm animals** and use words like first, then, next, after and finally to talk about the passing of time.

In week 6, we will observe and talk about changes in the weather, animals and plants during the **Spring** months and think about what will happen as we move into **Summer**.

In week 7, we will explore the importance of having a good **sleep routine** and the effect it can have on our ability to regulate our feelings and behaviour.

To support the teaching and learning of our key themes and ideas this term, we will be reading a range of fiction and non fiction texts. Below is a list of some of the books that we will be reading:

The Odd Egg; Tadpole's Promise; The Very Hungry Caterpillar; Monkey Puzzle; What the Ladybird Heard Next; Farmer Duck; I Don't Want To Go To Sleep; and a selection of information texts linked to minibeasts, lifecycles and farm animals.

In Maths, we will continue following the White Rose Reception Scheme of Learning and the NCETM Mastering Number scheme of work. In weeks 1, 2 and 3, we will continue the topic Building 9 and 10. In week 4, we will explore 3D shapes and their properties. In weeks 5, 6 and 7, we will look at numbers to 20 and beyond.

We will continue with our daily adapted Read Write Inc phonics sessions and your child will receive weekly phonics homework and reading materials that are matched to your child's level of phonic attainment.

In writing, we will continue with our Drawing Club sessions. This term, we will continue to create our own characters and settings and use our imaginations to create amazing adventure times. We will focus on writing simple captions and sentences independently and using capital letters, finger spaces and a full stops correctly.

Please remember to label all personal items and to provide a spare set of clothes and underwear in a labelled bag.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading folder and planner into school everyday and returns their library book on a Friday.

This term, both Reception classes will have PE on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school by Friday.

Every Wednesday, we will be holding a Show and Tell session at the end of the day. Your child is invited to bring a small toy or something of importance to them, into school on that day so that they can share this with their peers.