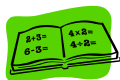


Reception Newsletter - Summer 2 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Summer 2! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break. We are excited to begin another fun-filled and engaging half term in Reception, with lots of exciting learning experiences and activities planned for the children.

Mrs Khan and Mr Kassim

Literacy 	In Phonics, we will continue to build on the children's learning by revisiting and consolidating previously taught sounds, while introducing new sounds. The children will use their phonics knowledge to blend sounds for reading, read simple sentences, with increasing confidence, and develop their independent writing skills. We will also continue to practise high-frequency words to support fluency in both reading and writing. In English, we will be focusing on fiction writing, with a strong emphasis on building and writing simple sentences independently. The children will continue to develop their confidence in using phonics to support their writing, while also practising correct letter formation, spacing and punctuation. We will encourage writing across all areas of learning to help the children apply and strengthen their skills, in meaningful ways. Our Shared Reading text this term will be <i>Owl Babies</i> by Martin Waddell.
Reading for Pleasure 	We love to read in Reception. We use our book corner to relax and enjoy looking at a range of books. Our author focus, for the Summer Term, is Mini Grey. This term, we will get to know more about her and begin to read some of her award-winning books such as <i>Egg Drop</i>, <i>The Pea and the Princess</i>, <i>Biscuit Bear</i>, <i>Traction Man</i> and <i>The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon</i>.
Maths 	During this half term, children will continue to develop their understanding of number through exploring numbers beyond 10 and counting confidently to 20 and beyond. We will focus on recognising number patterns, building and comparing numbers to 20, and developing confidence when counting forwards and backwards. The children will also begin to explore simple addition and subtraction through practical activities and number stories. Using the language of "first, then, now", they will learn how to add more, take away and find out how many are left. We will use a range of hands-on resources and games to help children deepen their understanding of number in fun and meaningful ways.
Understanding the World-Science 	In Science, the children will explore the world around them and observe the changes that happen during summer. They will take part in seasonal walks and outdoor activities, using their senses to describe what they can see, hear and feel. The children will also investigate different materials and objects, testing which materials are best for different purposes, such as waterproof materials and building structures. Through hands-on activities, they will continue to develop their curiosity and problem-solving skills.
RE 	In RE, the children will explore special stories from Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, they will learn why these stories are important to different people and what they can teach us about kindness, bravery and helping others.
Understanding the World 	During this half term, children will be focusing on Geography. Our topic will be "Around the World". The children will explore different countries, cultures and environments through stories, maps and discussions. They will learn about similarities and differences between places around the world and begin to talk about their own experiences and the world around them.
Expressive Arts and Design 	During this half term, children will be focusing on Design and Technology. They will explore different types of boats and investigate how they float and move on water. The children will have opportunities to design, build and test their own boats using a range of materials, while developing their joining, building and problem-solving skills through practical activities.
PE 	This term in PE, children will be focusing on athletics and developing their running, jumping and throwing skills through a range of fun Olympic-themed activities. They will practise balancing, aiming, moving at different speeds and jumping in different ways, while building their coordination, control and confidence. Please remember that children should come into school dressed in their PE kits every Friday. Children should wear a plain navy blue or black tracksuit with a plain white or blue t-shirt.
Music 	Our topic for this term is: Big Band. The children will be using their voices, bodies and instruments to explore different musical sounds, keep a steady beat and perform simple rhythms. They will also enjoy singing songs together and creating their own musical performances.

Attendance



In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is ***on time for school and comes to school every day***. School starts at **8.45am**.

THANK YOU