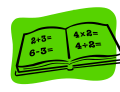


Reception Newsletter - Summer 1 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a good rest over the holiday. We have so many exciting things planned for your child for this half term!

Mrs Khan and Mr Kassim

Literacy 	In phonics, we are continuing to learn new sounds. We will use these sounds to build words, read simple sentences and begin to write our own. We will also learn more high frequency words, helping children to recognise them quickly when reading and writing. In English, we will be focusing on non-fiction writing. Children will begin to write simple sentences and continue to apply their knowledge of forming letters correctly. We will use every opportunity to practise writing across our learning. 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 Spring 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 be exploring length, height, and time. We will then be focusing on numbers up to 10. We will be continuing to explore and compare each number carefully. By the end of this term, we will have a good understanding of how each number is made up and the different ways to represent each number. This unit will start to develop our understanding of what happens to the value to numbers as we count forwards or backwards, and how to find one more and one less.
Understanding the World-Science 	During this half term, children will explore and sort animals based on their simple features. They will also explore simple forces for the first time and look into how objects move on different surfaces such as ramps. By the end of this term, we will be able to describe forces as 'pushes' and 'pulls'.
RE 	This term in RE, children will explore the question "<i>Which places are special and why?</i>". They will think about their own special places and learn about churches and mosques, discovering why these are important to Christians and Muslims. Through stories, discussion and creative activities, children will begin to understand respect, belonging, and why places can be meaningful to different people.
Understanding the World 	During the Summer term, children will be focusing on History. Our Topic will be, <i>Peek into the past</i>. There will be opportunities for the children to reflect on memories and experiences from their own past and comment on images of familiar situations in the past.
Expressive Arts and Design 	During this half term, children will be focusing on Art and Design. They will be exploring the sculptural qualities of malleable materials and natural objects; developing the use of tools and joining techniques; designing and making clay animal sculptures.
PE 	This term in PE, children will take part in a gymnastics unit called "<i>Jumping Jacks and Rock 'n' Roll</i>". They will explore different ways of moving, including jumping, balancing and rolling, and begin to link these movements into simple sequences. Children will develop their coordination, control and confidence, working independently and with partners to create and perform their own routines. Please remember that children are to come into school dressed in their PE kits every Thursday. Children should come dressed in a plain navy blue or black tracksuit and a plain white or blue t-shirt.
Music 	Our topic for this term is: Transport. The children will be using voices, bodies and instruments to explore different types of transport, identify and mimic transport sounds and interpret and perform a simple score.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) 	This term in PSED, children will develop important life skills such as independence, making safe choices and building positive relationships. Through stories and discussions, they will learn about staying safe online, celebrating differences, taking turns, and caring for their environment. Children will also practise everyday skills like dressing themselves and understanding how their actions affect others.



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