



Reception Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break. We are looking forward to another busy term with the children. As we move through their final term in Reception Class, we will be spending time preparing your child for the transition to Year One.

Topic

This half term our learning will be based around the question 'Which animals live in our wonderful world?'. Your child will learn about incredible animals that live worldwide. They will explore various animal habitats and compare the animals that live there with animals in their locality. They will learn what all animals need to grow, survive and stay happy and healthy. They will explore animal features, learn the names of their body parts and find out how they are similar and different. The children will also observe invertebrates in their natural habitats and will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. Please see the attached sheet for further information about the key vocabulary and knowledge for this topic.



After half term your child's learning will be based around the question 'Did all dinosaurs lay eggs?' Children will learn about animals that are extinct and those that are in danger of extinction and the importance of Mary Anning as a significant individual from the past. Building on our previous work on animals we will then revisit the different groups that animals may belong to, learning how the features of their bodies help them adapt. In preparation for moving on to year one we will celebrate our successes and reflect on what the children have learned and how they have developed over the year.

PE Days

This term, we will continue to do P.E on Friday afternoons. Children will need to bring their PE kit in a clearly labelled bag on so that they can change in school.

Reading Books

We will continue to change reading books on a Tuesday and a Friday. We recommend that you hear your child read a minimum of three times a week. Please continue to record how they got on with the book in their reading diary

Homework

Please see the separate sheet attached regarding the Reception class homework activities for the Summer 1 term. Please continue to use Tapestry to share your child's achievements and home learning.

Values

This half term our whole school focus will be on showing HONESTY and next half term we will focus on the value of CURIOSITY. We will cover these through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life.



Best wishes,

Miss Carte