

RECEPTION CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer 2026

Welcome to the Summer Term in Reception Class.

The children have returned to school happy and rested and have settled back into routines really well.

Our Early Years' Curriculum this term is based around developing skills through the topics **People Who Help Us** and **Once Upon a Time**.

Communication, Language and Literacy

In Literacy, we will be focusing on storytelling. By immersing themselves in stories, the children will learn about characters, settings, and the structure of a story—beginning, middle, and end. Within these story structures, we will encourage the children to develop their creativity and imagination. Children who tell stories are able to use these skills to write with greater confidence and fluency.

We will also continue to focus on the mechanics of writing, including letter formation, phonics, finger spaces, capital letters, and full stops.

Children are making amazing progress with their reading, and they are now ready to use their skills more independently. It has been lovely to see them applying their knowledge of letters, sounds, and letter formation during child-initiated activities—whether they are writing labels for their models, creating signs for role-play areas, or attempting to write their own short stories or captions.

Every Monday the children will have the opportunity to bring in a favourite toy (or something special they would like to share with their class) for a weekly **Show and Tell** session.

Mathematics

In Numeracy, we will be consolidating existing skills and introducing new ones. We will have a shop in the classroom, which provides a fun and engaging way for the children to learn about money. The shop also offers opportunities for problem-solving, addition and subtraction, and counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, and more.

This term, the children will be developing foundational skills for adding and subtracting simple numbers. They will also be learning about time, seasons, months, and the days of the week. In addition, they will explore concepts such as 'more or less,' practise adding on and counting back, and continue working on number recognition, measurement, shapes, and sorting.

Physical Development

We will be working on a combination of movement, stability, and object control. The children will be developing their ability to handle tools and equipment effectively, including using pencils for writing. We will also be learning about ways to keep healthy and safe. This term, our PE sessions will take place on Fridays

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be exploring the work of different artists, as well as creating artwork linked to our topics. They will have the chance to work with a variety of materials, tools, and techniques, and will be encouraged to experiment with colour, shape, and design.