



Reception Summer Term Newsletter

2026



Welcome back to the Summer Term, we hope you had a restful break. The children were very excited to tell us about all the things they got up to in the Easter holidays!

Themes and books

Our learning will be based around the themes of growing and changing; seasons; plants; understanding others; transport; buildings; bees and nature; community; looking after our planet; animals; different feelings; and similarities and differences. This term we will also have a trip to Baylham House Rare Breeds farm, sports day and will start preparing the children for their transition into Year 1.

Books we will be reading:



Phonics

The children have continued to be enthusiastic in phonics lessons and have been learning the digraphs and trigraph sounds. It continues to be so rewarding as teachers to see them using these to blend and read their reading books confidently. This term we will be consolidating phase 3 and later in the term, moving on to phase 4. After each new week of learning, we will add the phonics games to the existing ones available for the children to play at home on Bug Club.



Reading

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home and recording it in their reading diary each time they have read. It is recommended that the reading books are read at least 4 times a week, so that the children can gain fluency in their reading rather than just segmenting and blending each word. Your child will continue to read once a week with an adult in school.

Maths

This term in Power Maths, we will be learning about counting on and counting back using a number track. Games like Snakes and Ladders will be good to play at home to support this learning. We will explore numbers from 10 to 20, and will apply this knowledge to previously taught concepts of number, such as comparing, representing, finding one more and one less. The children will look at the patterns of number when doubling and halving, and odd and even numbers. We will learn about the composition of shapes and understand that shapes can have other shapes within them or that 2 shapes can make a new shape. We will learn about volume and capacity and will compare two or more items using the vocabulary of measure. The children will explore sorting different objects into 2 or more groups by looking at characteristics such as their colour, size or shape. We will continue to also practise number bonds that make 5 and 10.



Forest Fun

The children have really enjoyed spending time in our little woodland area so far this year. We will continue to look for signs of new life as the seasons change, looking at weather and taking care of our environment. Your child will go to the forest on a Thursday.

Tapestry

We will continue to use Tapestry as we have been since September. Please feel free to upload photos of your child enjoying life outside of school so we can share them in class.



Drinks, snack and lunch

Please continue to send in a drink for your child every day in a named bottle. The school provides fruit or vegetables for morning snack. However, if you wish to provide your own fruit or vegetable snack for your child, please make sure it is in a named container. Please cut up any small food items like grapes and berries.

Weather

We ask that children have a coat/jacket in school every day, even if it is a light raincoat as we do go outdoors in all weathers. We also request that children have a named sunhat in school each day and that suncream is applied once the weather improves.

