

Reception Newsletter : Summer 2

Welcome back to Reception, the Early Years Team hope you had a wonderful half term holiday! We were blessed with some fabulous sunny weather over the Whitsun break which has put us in good stead to start our last half term of the academic year, Summer 2!

Thank you for practising the common exception words and number recognition with your children over the half term, this will give them a little boost ready for our learning this half term.

Our Topic this half term is "Why Is Water Wet?". Children will learn about the properties of water, what it feels like and what it can be used for. We will be finding out where water comes from and why we need it to survive.

Reception staff read with your child at any point throughout the week so it is **vital** your child's book bag is brought into school **every day** please.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception Team.

Miss Smith, Miss Adams, Miss Aveline, Miss Teague and Mrs Proffitt.

In Physical Development, we will be accessing the water wall, using small tools to connect pipes together.

In Expressive Art and Design, we will be exploring music and dance to create our own songs that are based around water.

In Communication and Language, we will be opening discussions around how water feels and where it comes from.

In Understanding the World, we will be understanding floating and sinking and comparing and contrasting different environments.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 10th June- School photographer-class photographs.

Thursday 1st July- Early Years Sports Day- Sadly **no spectators allowed this year** due to Covid)

Monday 5th July- Friday 9th July- Transition Week

Friday 16th July- Break up for Summer

P.E

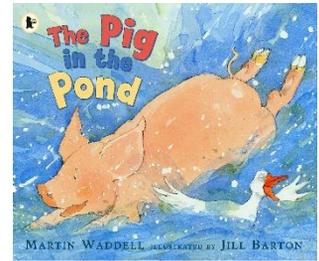
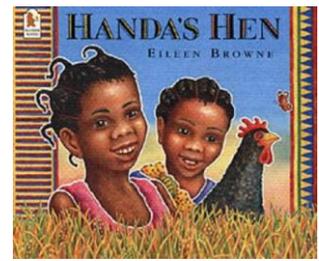
P.E takes place EVERY Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings their named kit to school on Monday and they leave it in school all week, taking it home on Friday to be washed.

Literacy

Our book focus for the first part of this half term will be 'Handa's Hen' by Eileen Browne, which will be used to develop children's understanding of contrasting environments.

Our final book will be 'The Pig in the Pond' by our class author Martin Waddell. This book links to our topic 'Why Is Water Wet?' Children will be invited to become storytellers and will have the confidence to read sentences from the book independently.

In writing, children will learn to form all letters properly and will be supported to write correctly punctuated sentences and phrases, using a range of common exception words.



Even Numbers

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Even Numbers end in



Numeracy

In Maths, we will be continue to practise number bonds to 10. We will also be exploring and representing patterns within numbers up to 10, including odd and even numbers, double facts and how quantities can be shared equally.

Attendance and Punctuality

'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. The **new Reception arrival time at school at 8:40am** and collection is **3.05pm**.

Homework

In Reception, 5-10 minutes of reading with your child should be completed every day. We ask for you to complete a comment in their reading log once a week, this will enable us to develop next steps for your child. Reading books will be reviewed and changed at the end of the week according to your child's reading ability. A teacher will leave one weekly comment in your child's reading log so assessment of your child's learning is shared. As books can be shared at any time of the week it is very important for reading books and reading logs to be brought to school **every day**.

Reception will also receive a piece of Maths homework every Friday on Purple Mash, this will relate to the learning which has taken place during Maths lessons within the week.

Encouraging independence with this work will allow children to apply their skills and embed knowledge from prior learning.

Your child will receive 3 weekly spellings every Friday which they will need to practise reading and writing in preparation for our Spelling Quiz!

Reception will receive their Topic Homework Challenges at the start of each half term. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks one per week. We hope that you enjoy them.

Homework is always due back on a **Wednesday**. This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.