Reception Newsletter
Summer Term 1 2026

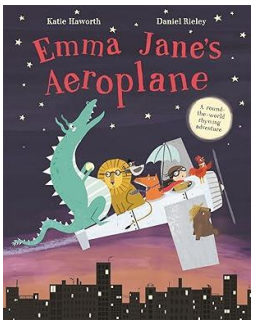
Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely half-term break.

Thank you for any photographs that you may have sent in via the FAMLY app. It has been nice to find out about what the children have been up to and for them to explain their experiences to others.

The sunflower competition is still on! We have some seeds just sprouting and some which are growing well. Keep the updates coming!

English

In English we will be focusing on the key text – Emma Jane's Aeroplane by Katie Haworth. Children will sequence events and retell the story with actions before writing their own section of the story. They will learn to describe characters and settings effectively and make links to other stories. Children will learn about rhyming words and identify these within the text.



Reading & Phonics

This half term we will be consolidating our learning so far by recapping the sounds children have already been taught and applying these to read a range of different words, captions, and sentences. We will also be expanding our blending skills to read words with four or more sounds, including words with two syllables. We will continue to have a weekly group/1:1 reading sessions and children will have a phonics book to practice frequently at home. This reading time at home is valuable in helping children to gain familiarity and confidence with their reading books, so please do continue to practise as often as possible.

Maths

This half term we will continue to explore the composition of numbers to ten and find different ways to make 10 (number bonds). Children will consider the place value of these numbers (where they fall on the number line – greater than/less than) and show ways to represent these numbers. Children will consolidate number facts within ten to ensure they have a secure foundation of number knowledge.

Children will be learning about odd and even numbers and doubles to ten.

Later in the half term, we will also be developing our understanding of 2d shape and spatial reasoning skills. We will be working on puzzles and patterns such as tangrams and using shapes to create our own pictures.

Wider Curriculum – Reception

This half term in geography we will be focusing on the continent of Antarctica, finding out where it is, what the main physical features are and who lives there. We will be making comparisons between various places around the world.

In science children will be exploring plants – learning about the distinct parts of a plant and what they need to grow. Children will also be learning about life cycles of certain living things including caterpillars, frogs, and humans!

DATES FOR DIARY:

On Monday 27th April, children will be taking part in a Balance Bike session with Pro-ride. Bikes and helmets will be provided, and children can wear their trainers to school that day.

Friday 1ST May – Reception's Golden Assembly.
Parents and carers are invited into school to watch our class assembly from 9am in the school hall.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Please look out for updates on FAMLY and the MCAS app.