

EYFS Newsletter Summer Term 2025

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

Reception key texts:



English – Reception

In English we will focus on developing our own ideas, making predictions, and explaining our thoughts. We will be exploring the world and how to travel around it through our key text and making links to non-fiction texts too. Later in the half term we will be focussing on instructions and their purpose. We will be seeing if we can follow instructions, create some for others to follow and writing our own instructions too. Our English sessions will provide opportunities to develop our vocabulary and use story language to retell and create our own stories.

Our writing this half term is based around encouraging the children to write for purpose and develop independence in sounding out to spell words, recalling digraphs and common words, and writing in contexts meaningful to them. We will be planning and writing our own simple adventure stories. Our voice continues to be important when writing so we shall be constructing sentences orally and rehearsing them before we write and using our voices to help us sound out and spell each word.

Reading & Phonics Reception

This half term we will be consolidating our learning within Phase 3 phonics. We will be applying our knowledge of digraphs and trigraphs (sounds with 2 or 3 letters) 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 that may need “chopping up”. We are currently sharing a daily phonics session as a class and working in smaller, focussed groups to support the children in their varying needs and stages of development within phonics. We will continue to have a weekly group/1:1 reading sessions and children will have a book to practice frequently at home. This reading time at home is really valuable for helping the children to gain familiarity and confidence with their reading books, so please do continue to practise as often as possible.

English – Nursery

We will be starting a new topic ‘Holidays.’ We will be reading the book ‘Anna Hibiscus Splash’ by Atinuke. Children will become familiar with the story, the setting, events and characters and we will focus on their oracy skills to be able to talk about these. Children will learn to retell parts of the story as well as adding their own ideas and make predictions.

Children will continue to learn that text on the page is read from left to right and tells the story. They will know about the front cover, title page and author and how to turn the pages of a book, whilst handling the book with care. Children will discuss likes, dislikes, and favourite parts.



Reading & Phonics Nursery

In phonics children will continue to develop their listening skills – listening to sounds in the environment, instruments, sounds they can make with their voices and using their bodies and sounds in words. They will be focussing on alliteration (words starting with the same sound – e.g. green grass, red robot) and orally segmenting words so that children begin to hear the sound in words.

Maths in Reception

This half term we will continue to explore the composition of numbers to ten and finding 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.

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.



Maths in Nursery

In maths we will be understanding the concept of zero, comparing groups of numbers from 1 to 5 and identifying pairs of numbers that make five.

Children will be experimenting with symbols and marks as well as numerals to start to record their learning. Children will use spatial awareness and will learn to move shapes around to make pictures and match them to other objects. They will complete jigsaws and talk about how they fit together - understanding position through words alone.

Children will be selecting 2D/3D shapes appropriately to make models and talk about them using some shape names.

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 some comparisons between different places around the world.

In science children will be exploring the natural world through firsthand investigations – discovering how processes and changes occur around us. These include – push and pulls, loud and quiet, floating, and sinking, freezing and melting, light and dark.



Wider Curriculum – Nursery

We will be starting a new topic 'Holidays' and will be reading the book Anna Hibiscus Splash by Atinuke.

Children will be learning about holidays and discussing where people might go on holiday. This may include the seaside, camping, caravanning, holiday houses, days out, places in this country and also other countries. Children will learn about why people go on holiday, where they go and what they do when they are there.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Both Nursery and Reception class assemblies will take place in the final half term – keep an eye out for dates!

Please look out for updates on Class Dojo and the MCAS app.