

EYFS Newsletter Summer Term 2025

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



English – Reception

Our English sessions will focus on the story of The Everywhere Bear by Julia Donaldson. We will be exploring the story imaginatively and taking part in role play linked to the text. Our imaginative play with support us in sequencing, retelling and mapping the story in detail. We will be choosing words to describe different events in the story and will be working towards writing our own recounts of the story's events.

Reading & Phonics Reception

This half term in phonics we will be moving on to Phase 4. We are focusing on reading longer words with consonant blends such as sp-, fl-, -nk, -st and words with have more than one syllable. We will also be thinking about compound words and exploring how longer words can be made using two shorter words. We will be encouraging the children to apply their knowledge of letters, digraphs and trigraphs in different contexts and when reading independently.

Writing

This half term we will be having a focus on developing our independent writing skills. In focused writing sessions we will focus upon application of phonic knowledge and develop our use of capital letters and full stops within our sentences. We will be working hard to develop consistency using finger spaces in writing and applying correct letter formations.



English – Nursery

We will be exploring non-fiction books about our topic – Special Events.

We will also reading Happy Birthday Maisie. Children will answer simple questions about the text, order events and retell the story.

Reading & Phonics Nursery

This half term we will be continuing to blend and segmenting words. We are continuing to recognise and name letters (s,a,t,p,l,n) that they see and hear in the nursery and around school. We will be listening carefully to sounds, identifying them and copying them. We will be continuing to think about letters and sounds and to use them more in our writing. We will be continuing to improve our name writing, pencil grip and writing other letters. We are continuing to recognise that we read from left to right and top to bottom on a page.

We will be learning a wide variety of songs and actions, recalling information from books, looking at illustrations, as well as looking at books independently and carefully.

Maths in Reception

This half term in maths we will be focusing upon applying our mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop our understanding of numerical patterns. We will be introducing a “rekenrek” to support our subitising and calculating skills and comparing numbers withing 20. We will be investigating the pattern of numbers as we count to 20 and beyond and consolidating our counting skills.

We will be working on developing our knowledge of number facts for how to make 10 and using these facts to solve problems.

We will be exploring the use of 2d/3d shapes for construction purposes too.

Maths in Nursery

In maths we will be spotting numbers all around us. We will also be asking questions about numbers and counting. We will be counting aloud to forwards and backwards to 10 and we will be counting beyond 10 too.

We will be subitising numbers, which means recognising the dots on a die without counting. Children will also order numbers to 6 and represent numbers 6 in different ways.

We will be extending repeating ABAB patterns and creating new ones and will be comparing objects related to length and weight.

Wider Curriculum – Reception

In History we will be thinking about toys and games in the past. We will be exploring some objects and artefacts from the past as well as experimenting with different toys and games enjoyed by children in times gone by.

In Science we are exploring seasonal changes, with a focus on the summer months.

Wider Curriculum – Nursery

Our topic is “Special Events”. We will be looking lots of different books about celebrations.

We will share the books about birthdays, write about celebrations, why we have them, what we do, how old we are, to know we are getting older and that we have a birthday every year.

**Arts Week is on the theme of The Circus and is week beginning
07.07.25
You are invited to come to school in fancy dress on the Monday of that
week.**

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Maxted and the EYFS team