



Summer (2) 2026

Reception Curriculum Letter

Mrs L Ainscough & Mrs N Cassidy

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a refreshing half term break. We can't believe it's our last few weeks together. We have had a great year in Reception. We have learnt lots of new things and had many exciting times! We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support throughout this year. We wish all the children lots of luck in Year 1, you will all be missed!

Topic

Our topic in Reception for this half term is 'Do you like to be beside the seaside?' In our Geography we will be learning about the seaside moving onto our History learning about the seaside in the past.

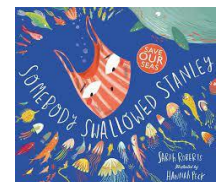
If you have any photographs of your child at the seaside, please send them into Reception for us to look at or upload them onto Tapestry. In addition, if you visit the seaside over the next few weeks we would love you to bring in anything you find such as shells etc.

Religious Education

Our Religious Education branch this half term is Dialogue and Encounter. In this branch, children will learn how Christians work together with people of different religious convictions and all people of goodwill towards the common good, respecting the dignity of all humanity. They will also encounter other pathways of belief drawing on the teaching of the Church about intercultural dialogue.

English

In our English, our main texts are 'Somebody who Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts and 'The Hundred Decker Bus' by Mike Smith. Our fiction texts your child will explore are Somebody Crunched Colin by Sarah Roberts, The unexpected visitor by Jessica Courtney Tickle, Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel, The Hundred Decker Rocket by Mike Smith, Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oke, Mrs Armitage on Wheels by Quentin Blake.

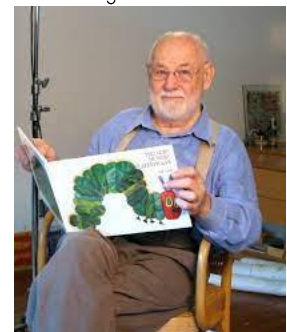


Non-fiction texts we will explore are Ten things I can do to help my world by Melanie Walsh, The Brilliant recycling project book by Sarah Stanford, I'm the Bus Driver by David Semple, My Big Book of Transport by Moira Butterfield

We will focusing on including spaces between words and using a capital letter correctly within sentences. We will also be focusing on spelling words with some digraphs and trigraphs in and writing simple sentences using our current phonics knowledge.

Author of the Half Term

Our Author for Summer Term is Eric Carle! We will be reading lots of stories by Eric Carle and learning one by heart.



A few notices:

- All teachers have release time during the week for PPA (planning, preparation & assessment). Mrs Owsianska will be covering Mrs Ainscough's PPA time on a Thursday afternoon. Throughout the week we have small 'key worker' group time with either Mrs Ainscough, Mrs Cassidy or Mrs Swarbrick to sing songs/read stories/ opportunities for speaking and listening and 'Show and tell' including looking at 'magic' moments from home.
- The children will do P.E. every Friday afternoon. Please can you make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit every Friday.
- Please can you ensure that your child brings in a water bottle filled with water every day for them to access in the classroom. Please remember no juice is allowed in their bottle.

- In our celebration assembly on Friday's children can show any certificates they have achieved e.g. swimming certificate.

Outdoor Provision

Each day the children have access to outdoor provision, which can get a little messy and wet. It is important that your child has a waterproof coat and wellies (which are to be left outside the Reception classroom) as we enjoy playing outside - whatever the weather! Please can you ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.



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Weekend News

We will continue with writing our weekend news to help develop the children's writing skills. Each week your child will be invited to write and draw a picture about what they have been doing at the weekend outside of school. This will then be shared with the rest of the class during speaking & listening time. It may help your child if you have a brief chat with them about their weekend.

Magic Moments

'Magic Moments' are one way in which you can contribute to your child's learning journey. They are to be completed by an adult when you see your child do something that perhaps you haven't seen before or make you go 'wow' or smile. Please add a photo or comment on Tapestry of your child's magic moment for us to share.



Reading Books and Homework



Please can you ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading record book into school on a MONDAY. Their reading book will be changed (if needed) on this day only. Your child's reading book is important, however, this isn't the only book that they can read (or have a go at reading). Please encourage your child to read other books at home or in the library. If you wish to do so you can record the other books they are reading into their reading record book too. Homework is given out/uploaded onto Tapestry as and when your child's phonics teacher feels they have new learning to consolidate at home. This may be every day. Please can you upload your completed homework onto Tapestry. Thank you for all your support with homework!

Reading Volunteer

Mrs McCullough comes in every Monday afternoon to listen to your children read. Please can you make sure your child has their reading book in school on a MONDAY so they can read with Mrs McCullough.

Stay and Pray

We will be holding our Reception Stay and Pray on Tuesday 14th July at 9am. The stay and pray will last approximately 10 minutes. We would like to share with you what we have been learning in our Religious Education lessons and Prayer and Liturgy. We look forward to seeing you lots of you there. This will be followed by an end of year Teddy Bears picnic celebration which you are welcome to stay for.

If you have any questions about anything please feel free to catch us at the door at the beginning or at the end of the day. We are always happy to talk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lisa Ainscough & Mrs Nicola Cassidy