



Reception Newsletter Summer 2023

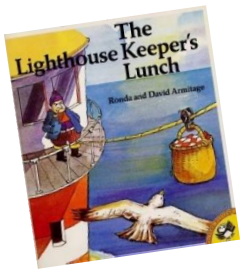


Our Summer term is always an exciting term! Brighter days return and the children are always pleased as they realise how much taller they have grown when they try on last year's summer clothing!

Although growing taller might be part of the usual passage of time, it is an ideal opportunity to make children aware of the past and present and their own personal history. It provides an opportunity to discuss how they have changed, and how they are able to do many more things than they were able to do a year ago! It is also an opportunity to reflect on how hard the children (and parents) have worked over the past few months. Our Reception children have shared in historic events over the past year! Whilst in the Nursery, they may have celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II. This term they will once again witness a historic event as we see the coronation of King Charles III - this provides an opportunity to discuss similarities and differences between the past and present, and to discuss similarities and differences between life in the United Kingdom and other countries.



Topics: This term we will be learning more about the seaside. Our stories will include 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Picnic' and 'Rainbow Fish'. We will also read the story of 'Mr Gumpy's Car' and will compare seaside holidays now and long ago, as well as sharing Pirate stories. We will think about protecting our oceans and the conservation work of Sir David Attenborough.



Next term we will learn more about the people who help us in our school and our local community.

Reading: As children should be reading Level 9 books or higher to be at the Expected level for reading by the end of Reception, it is very important that they continue reading at least 5 times per week.

Later this term, we will be taking the children to the local Library (more information to follow). Look out for information about the 'Summer Reading Challenge' hosted by the local libraries over the summer holiday as this is a good way to encourage reading throughout the holiday.

RE topics for the term:

- Good News - Pentecost
- Reconciliation - Friends
- Islam
- Universal Church - Our World



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Key dates:

1st May: Bank Holiday

8th May: Bank Holiday (Coronation weekend)

12th May: Reception classes to Thorndon Park

25th May: Class photos

29th May - 2nd June: Half term break (School closed)

12th June: Little City visiting Reception classes (more information to follow)

24th June: Summer fête

21 July: Last day of Summer term

Happy learning!

Reception Team