



Beech Newsletter

September 2026

Welcome to the new school year! Reception have returned ready to learn and Nursery have loved seeing their friends again. The first two weeks this term are settling in and beginning group learning as a class as we introduce different areas, indoors and outside.

Our focus books this term are The Colour Monster, We are Family and I do like bees but I do not like honey.

In **Maths**, we use White Rose maths. Our maths topics in Reception are Match, Sort and Compare, Talk about Measure and Patterns, It's me 123, Circles and Triangles, 12345, Shapes with 4 sides. Nursery are learning about More Than, Building, Repeating Patterns and Saying Number Names.

In **Phonics** Reception use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds to learn phase 2 digraphs. We will begin with s,a,t,p. Phonics will begin the second week of term for 20 minutes each day. Nursery children will focus on oral blending, rhyme, segmenting and learning through nursery rhymes and stories.

Reading

We use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme. [For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

In Nursery the children will play pre-phonics sound games and begin their phonic journey with a love of reading and hearing stories and rhymes.

Reception children start to learn single letter sounds and quickly begin reading simple words. There will be sheets sent home at the end of each week, so you know the sounds your child has been learning. Books will be sent home when children are ready. These books may not have words in them; understanding the story and establishing a reading routine is a priority at this stage. All children will soon take home a library book each week which will be changed on Mondays.

Homework

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for Reception children to pick from throughout the ½ term. They are expected to do at least 3 per half term, some children do all! Any comments can be shared via the homework book. Please keep reading to your children as part of their routine, it has a massive impact on their reading ability in later years

Topic. Our topic this half term is All About Me. We will look at ourselves, our families, our homes, our likes and dislikes. I would really appreciate a photo from everyone of their family to put on a display, children love seeing you on our wall! If you also have a picture of your front door, that would be fantastic too. Please send via email or Tapestry or in their book bags.

In addition, we will be celebrating Harvest and baking bread. We will go on an Autumn walk and notice changes in the weather. As an introduction to **Geography**, we will look at our environment, our classroom, our school and the local area. In **Art and Design**, we will be introducing the Creative area and focusing on paint colour mixing as well as modelling with recyclable materials. In **Science**, we will be studying seasonal changes by exploring the environment around the school over time. In **PHSCE**, we will be learning about Me and My Relationships. <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/me-and-my-relationships>. In **RE** this half term, the children will be thinking about where they belong, within their family, their community and within the wider world.

COME AND PLAY – Thursday 8th October, 2:30. You are welcome to come and play with your children in our classroom and garden. We will offer one session every half term at different days with a different focus so please don't worry if you can't make this one. This is for 30 minutes before we have an open school session.

Tapestry. By now everyone should have activated their Tapestry account and soon be enjoying pictures from school. I'd love photos from home too if you do something exciting so we can share them with the class..

PE

PE sessions are on Fridays.

Please send your child's PE kit in or before this day so they can be changed at school. Nursery can come to school in comfortable clothing and trainers on Fridays instead of getting changed at school if you wish. The kits will be sent home to be washed when needed. We will be learning how to move our bodies safely.



Phonics and Information for Reception parents:

We are holding an information afternoon on phonics and how you can help your child at home as well as any additional information.

Monday 21st September at 3pm

Your children will remain in class, and we would love to see you all there.