



# Reception Newsletter



**SUMMER TERM 1**

**APRIL 2022**



We hope you had a great Easter holiday. Below is a brief summary of the things we will be covering over the next few weeks in Reception.

If you ever have any questions regarding information in the newsletter or in general, please speak to a member of the Reception team or contact the school office who will direct your queries to us.

This term our main themes are Animals, Growth and the Queen's Jubilee and our key texts are The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Farmer Duck, Click, Clack Moo and What the Ladybird Heard.

## Literacy in Reception

In our writing sessions this term, we will focus on writing simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others and we will begin to use capital letters and a full stops correctly.

In our reading sessions, we will learn to demonstrate our understanding of what has been read to us by retelling stories and narratives using our own words and recently introduced vocabulary.

We will also continue to develop our listening and attention skills and learn to respond to what we hear with relevant questions, comments and actions.

## Maths in Reception

Children will learn to build and identify numbers to 20 and beyond using a range of resources such as ten frames and number shapes. Children will be encouraged to count on and back from different starting points and say what comes before or after a given number and become confident in ordering numbers. Children will use real objects to see that the quantity of a group can be changed by taking items away and by adding more. They will also continue to identify and describe shapes and their properties and have lots of opportunities to manipulate and rotate shapes to solve puzzles and to copy and create models.

## History in Reception

Children will learn to use sequential language to explain and describe processes and events and they will learn to put 2 or more events in the correct order that they happened. The children will also learn about the Queen and her reign.

## Geography in Reception

Children will learn to draw information from simple maps and learn to recognise key features such as roads, buildings and green spaces. They will also have the opportunity to create their own maps and give simple directions.

## Art in Reception

This term our focus is collage and observational drawing. The children will learn to tear, cut, glue and rearrange a variety of materials to create collages. They will also have numerous opportunities to study and then create observational drawings of minibeasts, plants and farm animals.

## Science in Reception

Children will identify, name and describe minibeasts in their surrounding environment and continue to watch the plants that they grew in the Spring term develop in our Early Year's garden. They will also have the opportunity to observe and learn about farm animals first hand when Farmer Gill's mobile farm visits our setting for the day. The children will be able to pet the animals and learn about how to care and look after these creatures.

## RE in Reception

This term the children will learn about Ramadan and Eid and recognise that different people have different special times and places of worship.

## PE in Reception

This term our focus is target games. The children will learn to demonstrate increasing control over an object by pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it.