



Reception

Summer 1

April 2025

Reception News

We hope that you have had a lovely and restful Easter break. We cannot believe that we are now in the Summer term! We were so proud of the way that Woodpeckers and Robins settled back into school life last term. They all made this adjustment so well and it was wonderful to see their happiness and confidence with each other.

The children really loved learning about the story of 'Whatever Next' last half term and exploring some facts about space. We also thought about how we collaborate with each other during the day at school and how we can help each other as learners.

As well as showing kindness and being helpful we have thought about how important it is to listen carefully to the ideas of others when we are collaborating and also how we need to share our own ideas. Another learning behaviour we have been exploring is resilience and Woodpeckers have been building their own resilience by choosing to persevere rather than quit.

In Maths we have continued to embed our understanding and knowledge of numbers to 10. We have explored how numbers can be made up of smaller numbers and have begun to learn and remember some of these number facts, including our number bonds to 10. We have also practised recording our findings in addition calculations.

The children have been extremely thoughtful during their circle times, thinking about how to be a good friend, as well as expressing why our Mums are special to us and being thankful for all they do. (Of course, Dads are special too!)

As always, if you have any concerns, please do speak to us at any time.

Many thanks,

Miss Kaye, Mrs Bruce & Mrs Redondo

Just a reminder:

Please apply sun cream before school and send your child with a sun hat and a full water bottle.

Naming clothes

Please ensure **all** clothing has your child's name, including PE kits, shoes and socks. Please also check you have the correct items as sometimes clothing can get swapped.

Library

We aim for children to change their library books on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please continue to read with your children, asking comprehension questions and enjoying the book together.

Other

If you have any leftover art supplies, clean recycling to use as junk modelling (anything you think we could repurpose) please bring them to school. Thank you!

If you feel you would like to come and visit us and tell us about your job, we would love to have you! This is a wonderful way for children to learn about the world around us.

Helping at home:

Reading at home

Books will be changed throughout the week but please do keep them in the book bag as it gives the adults flexibility to read with everyone. We expect parents to hear their children read **at least 3 times a week**. This will enable children to become confident with the book they have for the week. Please record in your child's reading record when you have heard them read at home.

Writing at home

If you would like to support your child at home with their ongoing writing development, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to provide you with a targeted support pack. This will include activities related to fine motor control, correct formation of letter shapes, writing short CVC and CCVC words, phrases and captions and composing and writing independent sentences>



Week	Key Topics for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1 21.04.25-25.04.25	Learning about minibeasts Sentence Writing Looking at 11, 12 and 13 Story Time: The Lost Sheep	Tue 22.04 - Start of Summer Term Tue 22.04 - Earth Day Wed 23.04 - St George's Day
Week 2 28.04.25-02.05.25	Learning about spiders Information writing Looking at 14 to 20	
Week 3 05.05.25-09.05.25	Learning about Bees Instructions writing Cooking with honey Addition and subtraction	Wed 07.05.25 - Support a Bee hive with us - at pick up you can buy a lovely honey treat that we have made! Fri 09.05 - VE afternoon tea
Week 4 12.05.25-16.05.25	Learning about butterflies and caterpillars Life cycle of the butterfly writing Shapes	Wednesday 14.05.25 - 'Stay and Plant' - 8.45 - 9.30 Parent/carers are invited into school to help us plant some seeds. Fri 16.05.25 - Pause Day
Week 5 19.05.25-23.05.25	Learning about slugs and snails Fact file about slugs and snails Shapes	Walk to school Week Fri 23.05.25 - Bird World