



Summer Term 2

W/C - 08.06.26

Newsletter

We hope you have had a lovely half term break. We cannot believe that we are in the final term! The time seems to have flown by and we have loved working with you all. We have had some wonderful May weather and hopefully the sun will shine for the rest of the term. If the weather forecast is to be hot and sunny please can you ensure that you send your child to school with a hat, a water bottle and wearing sun lotion, as we may have longer periods in the outdoors. Please ensure all hats and water bottles are named. Please ensure any suntan lotion is applied BEFORE they come to school. Please do not send it into school with them. We cannot apply it for them and we can't guarantee it is applied properly.

Thank you for your continued support – The EYFS Team

WHAT WE ARE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM

This half term our topic is Go Jetters! Our key texts will be *The Train Ride*, *The Naughty Bus* and the fabulous story titled *Emma Jane's Aeroplane*.

The text *Hello Grandma* is about a little girl who uses different forms of transport to visit her Grandma. We will begin this topic by learning all about journeys – What is a journey? What journeys have we been on? We will explore different types of transport and learn which travel on land, sea and air.

The Train Ride is about another little girl who goes to visit her Grandma. This time she takes a train journey from the town, through the countryside, and finally to the seaside to visit her Grandma. We will learn to retell this story using story maps, words and actions. During our writing sessions we will learn and write about the features of a town, countryside and seaside. We will also be writing postcards from the seaside.

Emma Jane zooms off in her aeroplane around the cities of the world. Along the way she makes a crew of animal friends who save the day when the little plane gets into trouble. We will learn about some of the cities Emma Jane visits on her journey – London, Paris, Venice, New York, Beijing and Sydney. We will use our creative skills to create a model of her aeroplane and map her journey on a map of the world. We will explore similarities and differences between old and new planes and learn about the historical figure, Amelia Mary Earhart, the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. [Please click on this link to view our topic overview.](#)

RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY

On Thursday 25th June, we are delighted to be able to invite all our Reception parents to our final Stay and Play session. It will be lovely to see you all in school again. The children will most certainly look forward to the opportunity to show off their independence skills in their classroom, as they show you around with confidence and share some of our learning challenges. You will again be able to opt for either a morning or afternoon session – more details about this session will be sent shortly.

TRANSITION TO YEAR 1

We cannot believe that your children have been a member of our Reception unit for almost a year; we have thoroughly enjoyed our time with them.

This half term we will be preparing the children for their transition into Year 1. Shortly, you will receive a letter outlining how we will support the children with this transition.

If at any point you have any concerns regarding your child's move to Year 1, please do not hesitate to speak us. Towards the end of the term we will be making a summary of your child's learning against the Early Learning Goals, which we will share with you in their end of year report.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- W/C 08.06.26 – YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING
- 08.06.26 - PARENT DROP IN – 3:30 – 4:00PM
- 10.06.26 – NEW INTAKE MEETING FOR PARENTS – 6:30PM
- 16.06.26 – EYFS & KS1 SPORTS DAY 1:30PM START ON SCHOOL FIELD
- 16.06.26 – NEW INTAKE STAY & PLAY SESSION – 3:30 – 4:15PM
- 23.06.26 – NEW INTAKE STAY & PLAY SESSION – 3:30 – 4:15PM
- 25.06.26 – EYFS PARENTAL STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS AM & PM
- 30.06.26 – NEW INTAKE STAY & PLAY SESSION – 3:30 – 4:15PM
- 02.07.26 – NEW INTAKE OPEN MORNING 9:15 FOLLOWED BY LUNCH
- 03.07.26 – NEW INTAKE OPEN MORNING 9:15 FOLLOWED BY LUNCH
- 03.07.26 – WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION MORNING
- 08.07.26 – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DUE TO STAFF TRAINING
- 13.07.26 – END OF YEAR REPORTS HOME TO PARENTS
- 16.07.26 – WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – 9:00AM
- 17.07.26 – SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER AT 1:30PM

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SUN SAFETY

As we enter our final term in Reception, fingers crossed the sun continues to make an appearance. During circle time we will be learning about why it is important to stay safe in the sun and the 5 key ways to keep sun safe –

1. Slip on a shirt.
2. Slap on broad spectrum SPF 30 or higher sunscreen.
3. Slap on a broad-brimmed hat.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on some sunglasses.

We will also reinforce the importance of drinking water during the school day. These benefits include:

- It boosts learning
- It's healthy
- It keeps you hydrated
- It encourages good drinking habits
- It improves attention.

Please can all children bring a named water bottle to school every day. We offer facilities for the children to refill their bottles throughout the day and encourage them to drink regularly, particularly in the hot weather.

Please click on the links below to reinforce sun safety at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tjhvy19KTO>

<https://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/sun-safety-advice-for-parents>

<https://www.skcin.org/sunSafetyAndPrevention/theFiveSsOfSunSafety.htm>

PSED – JIGSAW



This term's Jigsaw unit is titled – Changing Me.

- Session 1 – My Body. Pupils will learn about the different parts of their body
- Session 2 – Respecting My Body. This session we will explore things pupils can do and foods they can eat to be healthy.
- Session 3 – Growing Up. We will learn that we have all grown from a baby to an adult. We discuss how we have changed.
- Session 4 – Fun and Fears Part 1. We will begin to explore and talk about our feelings about moving up to Year 1.
- Session 5 – Fun and Fears Part 2. We will discuss any worries and/or the things they are looking forward to about being in Year 1.
- Session 6 – Celebration. We will share our memories of the best bits of our year in Reception.