

Summer 1 Reception learning overview

We can't quite believe that we are moving into the Summer term, the children have made such great progress so far and we can't wait to watch them continue to grow and develop.



This term there will be a big focus on growing and the children will be planting sunflowers. Once they start to see them grow, they will be bringing them home to nurture there. If you have a garden, they will do better being transferred into the ground: if not, a bigger pot will be fine. We would love you to measure your sunflower and send updates on Tapestry.

We will also be planting vegetables in our planters, the potatoes are already in and growing! We are always looking for soil so if you have any you can donate that would be great.

We will also be learning about how we grow and change over time, thank you to everyone who has posted a photo on Tapestry.

In PE we will be practising our ball skills as well as learning new skills for our sports day on Thursday 4th June at 9.30am (more details to follow). We work hard planning our sports day to ensure that it is appropriate for the age of the children, the children will have the opportunity to showcase some of the skills they have been learning in their PE lessons as well as competing in fun races at the end. PE remains on Thursdays, please remember to send your child in their PE kit.

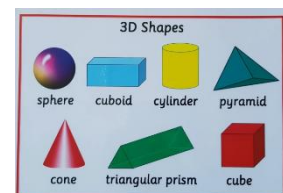


In phonics the children will be continuing to learn new digraphs to support their reading, please ensure you are practising the sounds we send home every week and look out for the phonics Tapestry posts every Friday that update you on what your child has learnt each week. We will also be sending new red words home once your child has learnt the set they currently have. Learning red words (words you can't sound out) will support your child to read more fluently.



Drawing club will continue with a real emphasis on writing a simple sentence independently. We will use a range of fiction and non-fiction books to support this. Growing will be the focus for the first two weeks. The children have expressed an interest in space and the solar system so we plan to explore this later on in the term. In Summer 2, we will be going to Jimmy's Farm so will be incorporating an animal theme into our literacy lessons.

In Maths we will be ensuring all children are secure with number facts to twenty. They will continue to learn number bonds (two numbers that go together to make a number) as well as learning doubling, halving, sharing, odds, evens and counting in twos. We will be learning the names of 3D shapes and exploring their properties.



As the weather warms up, please send in a **water bottle** for your child every day, it is concerning that there is a large number of children who do not bring a water bottle to school. We encourage all children to drink throughout the day and there is a water station they can refill their bottles.

Please also provide a labelled **sun hat**. **Suncream** should be applied before they come to school. When it is really sunny and hot, we ensure the children play under the trees and shelter for the majority of the day.

Transition into Year 1

As we move into the final term after the May break we will be working closely with the Key Stage 1 team to ensure that the children are happy and confident moving into Year one.

In July there is a whole school transition afternoon where the children go into their new classes for the and meet their new teachers. In addition to this, we will plan in time for the children to have stories read by the KS1 teachers and where they can play with the teachers in class.

The children will also go out into the big playground for lunchtimes, this will be supported by Reception staff.

As we move into the final weeks of the year, there will be information sent out to you about your child's new class.

Dates for your diary

3pm family reading sessions- come and share stories with your child in class

Wednesday 6th May

Wednesday 10th May

Friday 22nd May- School closed- PD day

Monday 25th May- Half term

Thursday 4th June at 9.30am - Reception sports day

Thursday 11th June at 9.30am- Jimmy's farm trip

Friday 17th July- Last day of term