



Reception

Spring Term 2026

We wish you and your families a happy New Year.

Thank you very much for your generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts.

Reminders:

Please ensure your child brings the following labelled items into school every day:

Water bottle
Coat / hat
Reading diary & book

PE

PE Days are as follows:

Bumblebees:

Outdoor: Wednesday

Indoor: Friday

Butterflies:

Outdoor: Wednesday

Indoor: Thursday

Ladybirds:

Outdoor: Tuesday

Indoor: Friday

Reception will swim in the summer term.

Home learning

Reading

Please ensure your child reads at least **3 times a week**, with a note made in the reading diary.

Books will be changed on **Mondays**.

Library

Each week your child can borrow a book from our school library.

Please remember to return books each week.

Communication & Language	-Talking in extended sentences -Telling stories	We will encourage your child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To speak in full sentences. - Use conjunctions such as 'and' and 'because'. - Recognise that stories have a beginning, middle and end and begin to tell their own. - Practice listening skills.
Physical Development	-Moving with control -Spatial awareness -Making healthy food choices -Getting dressed/undressed	Your child will learn about how to move in a variety of ways including dancing. Your child will also be dressing and undressing independently for PE and wearing a PE kit. Please encourage your child to dress independently at home too.
Personal, Social, Emotional Development	-Sense of self and self-regulation -Compromise -What I'm good at	Your child will continue to explore the 'Zones of Regulation', including tools for dealing with our feelings. We will then use stories to develop your child's awareness of how their feelings affect others and how to cope with conflict.
Literacy	-Identifying sounds -Blending sounds for reading -Segmenting words for writing -Forming letters	Your child will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to blend and segment simple words for reading and writing. - How to write simple captions and sentences - How to use a capital letter and full stop correctly. <i>Phonics is taught using the Read, Write, Inc. scheme.</i>
Maths	-Counting -Calculating -Ordering -Measuring -Weighing	We will encourage your child to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Count to 20. - Recognise and order numbers. - Learn number bonds to 5. - Measure and weigh objects. - Investigate shapes. - Solve problems.
Understanding the World	-Investigating -Describing -Comparing -Reasoning	We will be exploring how our world changes through the seasons and the changes from Winter to Spring. We will be talking about the past and learning about Spring festivals. We will also look at local area and simple maps. We shall be carrying out some simple science experiments.
Expressive Arts & Design	-Exploring -Making -Role-playing	We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Developing the role play areas to match the children's interests. - Looking at the work of professional artists and creating own pictures and models. -Making music, keeping the pulse and being aware of tempo.
PE	The children will enjoy a mini-athletics workshop this half term. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school ready to take part!	
We look forward to another busy term. Thank you for your continued support.		
The Reception Team		
Class teachers- Mrs Dumpleton, Mrs Shefferd, Mrs Barnett and Mr Cary. Teaching assistants- Miss Martin, Miss Sainsbury, Mrs Patel and Mrs Williams.		

