

# Reception Newsletter

Summer 1 2025



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Our topic this half term is 'Journeys'

**Here is some of the fantastic learning in Reception last term!**



## Diary Dates

6th May Portsmouth Dental team in.

13th May Bumblebees to Cosham library

14th May Snails to Cosham library

23rd May Both classes to library to watch 'The Gingerbread Man'

### Newsletter challenge

Together with your child, complete the questions on the newsletter. Tick them off as you complete them.



### PE

PE is on Mondays. Children can choose to wear their PE kit into school on Mondays or bring their kit into school

### Book bags

Please bring in your book bags every day!

### Wow moments

Attached to our newsletter is a WOW moment card. This is for you to celebrate any new learning or skills that you have seen your child achieve at home.

Please fill in the card and return it to school so we can celebrate with the children.

### Tooth Train

The children take part in the tooth train each afternoon, brushing their teeth for 2 minutes.

## Reading

The children have been working hard with their reading in phonics. We will continue to send home books, new letter sounds and tricky words to practise at home with you.

Please try to read with your child at least 4 times and tick on the home reading sheet.

We will also be sending home a story book for you to read with them.

## Personal and social development

Children will be thinking about what makes a good friend. They will be thinking about what they can do to solve problems and stay friends.

## Physical development

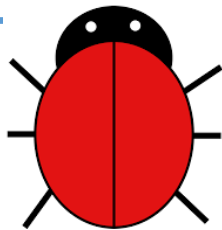
This term, the PE focus is athletics, with the children working on running and jumping.

They will also be focusing on forming all their letters correctly, working particularly with curly caterpillar letters and zig zag monsters.

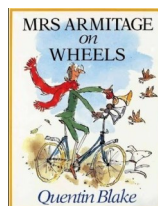
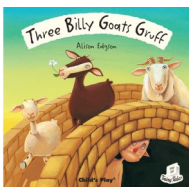
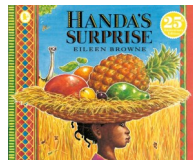
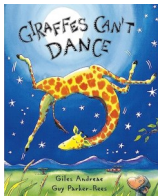
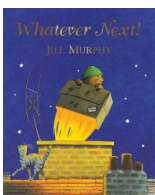
## Maths

We will continue with using numbers to 20 and adding and subtracting. We will also be looking at solving problems which involve halving and doubling.

We are learning about making doubles up to 5 (e.g. double 5 is 10) Can you make a double on the ladybird?



## Our Super Six books for this half term



Can you tell your family about your favourite book?

## Communication and language

The children will be developing language to describe vehicles and how they move. They will also talk about what they notice when investigating floating and sinking.

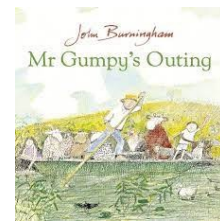
## Literacy

The children will be listening to a range of stories about journeys. They will be retelling the stories, then writing some of their own.

### Phonics

In phonic lessons they will be practising all the sounds and tricky words taught so they are really familiar with them. They will be learning to read longer words.

Can you tell your family what happens in the story of the Naughty Bus?



## Expressive Arts and design

Children will be exploring printing and creating repeating patterns. They will also be creating space rockets using junk materials.

The children will also be participating in a music workshop, making different rhythms.

Can you make a picture or model of your favourite vehicle?

## Understanding the World

The children will be talking about different journeys from stories and their own experiences. They will be making comparisons about the different places.

They will be investigating different vehicles that move and how far they can roll. Also they will be exploring how different objects float and sink.

In technology, they will be using Beebots and trying to program them to move to different places on a map.