

# Reception Newsletter

Summer 1 2026



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Our topic this half term is 'Traditional tales'

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



## Diary Dates

23rd April: Dental team in school

19th May: Reception Sports Day morning

22nd May: End of term

### 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.

### Water bottles

With warmer weather on it's way, please could children have a named water bottle in school.

## 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.

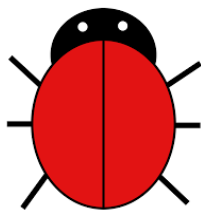
They will also be focusing on forming all their letters correctly, working particularly with curly caterpillar letters and zig zag monsters.



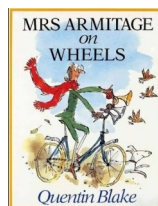
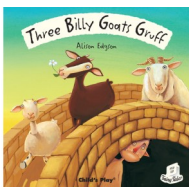
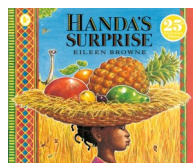
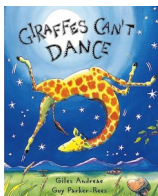
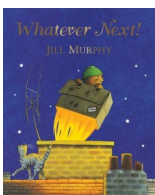
## Maths

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 retelling a range of traditional stories. They will be talking about the characters in the stories. They will continue to learn a range of poems and rhymes.

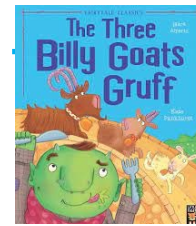
## Literacy

The children will be listening to a range of traditional stories. They will be retelling the stories and writing about the characters.

### 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 Three Billy Goats Gruff?



## Expressive Arts and design

The children will be creating their own trolls using pastels. They will also work together to create a new blanket for Granny by decorating fabric.

Can you make a drawing or painting of your favourite fairy tale character?

## 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.