Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 2026



Welcome back.
We hope you had a very enjoyable half term break.
Our topic for the second half term is:

‘Magical Kingdoms’

Skills we will begin to develop:

Build Relationships	Resilience	Risk taking	Resourcefulness	Reflection
Learning to compromise and move forwards	To keep smiling even if something is extra challenging	Trying new ideas and share them with others	Extending thinking by finding out more about our learning and interests	Talking about how to improve things (our learning / behaviour)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Jigsaw PSED: Healthy Me. I understand that I need to exercise to keep my body healthy.
I know which foods are healthy and not so healthy.
I know how to help myself go to sleep and understand why sleep is good for me.
I know why washing hands is important.
I know who my safe adults are.

Physical Development

Fine motor control activities including using the correct pencil grip, letter formation and using scissors with increasing control
Talking about personal safety when using equipment
GetSet4PE:
Fundamentals (key skills - running, jumping, hopping, balancing, changing direction and travelling)

Communication, Language and Literacy

Using Basics 2 and 3 letters and sounds
Independently writing own name, CVC words and phrases. Labelling pictures and attempting simple sentences.
Reading words and simple sentences.
Following instructions involving several ideas or actions
Beginning to follow stories without pictures or props

Mathematics

Power Maths
Number bonds to 10
Using a ten frame, The part whole model to 10
Subtraction
Exploring Patterns:
Making simple patterns
Exploring more complex patterns

Expressive Arts and Design

Collaboratively making a model from junk
Demonstrating ways to make adaptions to models
Exploring musical instruments to create a beat / rhythm
Thinking of ways to move and sound like a mythical creature
Expressing thoughts and feelings in response to what has been seen or heard e.g. Music, video clips or pictures
Expressing thoughts and feelings through painting activities
Charanga music: following the beat using claves and singing

Understanding the World

Developing Experts Science: Two topic areas - Food and Plants
Jigsaw RE: Exploring Spring, What is Lent and Easter?
Demonstrating to others about how to use roleplay ICT props e.g. mobile phones / tablets and explaining how to use them safely.
Finding out about Mother’s Day

Other Information

- Further information about our learning can be found on our school website class page
- Please make sure that your child arrives in school every day with a waterproof jacket, a sun hat and a water bottle – all named please, thank you.
- **Reading books and reading records should be kept in bags every day and returned on a Wednesday.**

We are looking forward to an action packed and exciting second half term!
Mrs Van and Mrs Warner