RECEPTION CURRICULUM Newsletter

Summer 1 2026



Welcome back.

We hope you had a very enjoyable Easter break.

Our topic for this half-term is:

'Big Beasts and Minibeasts'

Skills we will continue to develop:

Build Relationships	Resilience	Risk taking	Resourcefulness	Reflection
Understanding that we all need to be treated with respect	Persisting and talking about the process as well as the end result	Understanding the need to take some risks as part of learning	Making independent choices and talking about them confidently	Considering the need for values

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Demonstrating sensitivity to others' needs and feelings and how to be a kind and helpful member of our school community
Understanding how to adjust behaviour to different situations
Accepting changes to usual routines.
Jigsaw PSHE: Relationships – making friends, falling out and bullying, how to be a good friend

Physical Development

Holding a pencil with the correct grip and using it with increasing control
GetSet4PE:
Ball skills (learning ball skills through the topic of minibeasts) rolling and receiving a ball, throwing to a target, bouncing and catching, dribbling with feet and kicking a ball. Children will be given the opportunity to work independently and with a partner.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Phonics:
Recalling individual letter sounds and most digraphs and trigraphs taught
Independently writing letters and sounds using the correct formation
Recognising and writing tricky words taught
Using past, present and future forms accurately when speaking

Mathematics

Adding by Counting On,
Taking away by counting back
Numbers to 20
Doubling, Halving
Odd Numbers

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating simple representations of events, people and objects
Demonstrating how to create different colours for a purpose
Finding different ways to adapt models and talking about the process it took. Making Father's Day Cards
Expressing thoughts and feelings in response to different media
Charanga scheme: using ideas to make music using instruments.

Understanding the World

Independently using roleplay ICT props e.g. walkie talkies, cameras etc in the correct way
Demonstrating internet safety awareness
Demonstrating different ways to find out more e.g. independently using classroom resources e.g. topic word mats
Science: Learning about different animals and their habitats
Geography: My place in the world

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 coat or jacket, a sun hat and a water bottle – all named please, thank you
- **Reading books and reading records need to be returned on a Wednesday and library books need to be returned on a Monday.**

We are looking forward to an exciting half term together.
Mrs Van and Mrs Warner