



# Reception Newsletter



Summer Term April 2026

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely, restful break. We're excited to begin the summer term and look forward to lots more learning together.

## PE days

Friday for both classes.

## Upcoming events & other news

The children will be doing forest school every Friday this term.

## What we're learning this half term

### English

In literacy, we will be exploring key stories linked to our topic, Minibeasts. We will read and enjoy a range of texts, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Aaaarrgghh, Spider!*. The children will also have the exciting opportunity to observe real caterpillars in the classroom and watch them transform into butterflies. In phonics, we will begin to write longer sentences, using our growing knowledge of sounds to support our writing. The children will continue to practise segmenting words and forming letters correctly, while also learning new 'special friends' (digraphs) to help them read and spell more complex words. We will encourage the children to use their phonics skills independently when writing simple sentences, building their confidence and accuracy.

### Maths

In maths, we will be exploring doubles, as well as identifying odd and even numbers. We will also be focusing on teen numbers and developing our understanding of how these numbers are composed, including how they can be partitioned into tens and ones. The children will use practical resources and hands-on activities to support their learning and build confidence with number.

### Understanding the world

In Understanding the World, we will be learning all about minibeasts, including the life cycle of a caterpillar and how it changes over time. The children will go on a minibeast hunt to observe different creatures in their natural environment and discuss their features and similarities. We will also be exploring simple maps, learning what they are used for, and creating our own maps of the school to develop our understanding of the world around us.

### PSED

In PSED, we will be exploring the story *A New Small Person*. We will be thinking about what it might feel like to welcome a new baby into a family, including the different emotions this can bring. The children will discuss how to care for and support a new baby, as well as how to show kindness and understanding towards others.

