



Reception Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Goslings and Ducklings Classes

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have had a restful and fun filled Easter holiday and are looking forward to the summer term.

English

This term, we will continue to develop the children's literacy skills using their phonic knowledge to read, spell and write. During phonics sessions, the children will learn the Level 3 sounds in Floppy's Phonics, focusing on vowel digraphs and trigraphs. We will continue writing short sentences that start with a capital letter, contain finger spaces and end with a full stop. This will be supported through 'Talk for Writing', which will introduce the children to skills such as using conjunctions and adjectives which will help prepare them for Year 1. We are looking forward to hatching ducklings in class and will be writing factual reports about them. This term we will start DSR (daily supported reading) where the children will be reading in groups, concentrating on recognising sight vocabulary word and inference skills.

Maths

We will continue to work with numbers 0-20 and beyond, along with addition and subtraction to consolidate everything that the children have learnt so far and work on practical ways of sharing and grouping. The children will develop their understanding of naming and counting coins to support their learning with money. We will also be looking at different ways of measuring and revising 2D & 3D shapes and their properties. We will revisit subitising through a variety of manipulatives and visuals, which will develop the children's number sense.

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We will be learning about why Christians believe Jesus performed miracles. We will also be learning about Jewish culture and practices.

PE

In the first half term the children will be learning the basics of rugby, football and basketball with Mr Oakley. In the second half term they will learn tennis and cricket. Class teacher PE lessons will focus on fitness.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Do cows drink milk?', and we will be learning about farming, farm animals and how food is grown. We will be going on a trip to Freightliners Farm. We will also observe and discuss the life cycle of a duck, as we are very excited to announce that we will be hatching our own ducklings this term. Later on in the term, the children will make simple maps of familiar environments such as the school playground. In summer 2, our topic is 'What can we see in summer?' and we will explore the different flowers we might see in the local area, the type of fruits that will grow for us to enjoy, and the food we might eat. We will be exploring what temperatures we might experience and clothing we might wear.



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Key Dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 1st May: May Bank Holiday - school closed
- Friday 5th May: King's Coronation Tea Party
- Monday 8th May: King's Coronation - Bank Holiday - school closed
- 15th-19th May: Walk to School Week
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June: half term – school closed
- Monday 5th June: children return to school as usual
- Tuesday 27th June: trip to Whipsnade Zoo

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- **PE:**
 - **Tuesdays** class PE – children to wear school uniform with trainers
 - **Thursdays** PE with Mr Oakley - children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers
- Please ensure reading records, reading books and library books are brought in on **Mondays** to be changed
- Your child will read with an adult in school individually and as part of a group. Please ensure you are reading **regularly** at home with your child.
- Parents and children are encouraged to check book bags for letters each day
- It would be really helpful if you could send in tissues for the class, please
- Please send in the summer term voluntary contribution of **£5 towards the EYFS fund for consumables** (play dough ingredients etc.)
- Please continue to check Tapestry to see your child's learning journal
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the school office.

Miss Greenwood and Miss Abernethy
Reception Team