

Reception Curriculum Overview – Summer Term 2026



The Big Question








Summer 1 Amazing Animals – Can a wild animal be a pet?



Summer 2 Nurturing Nature – Can plants grow in the dark?



<p>Curriculum Enrichment:</p> <p>Earth Day – 22nd April (MR, T) William Shakespeare's Birthday – 23rd April (MR, T) Mental Health Awareness – 12th May (MR, T, IL) Walk to School Week – 18th May (MR, T) Healthy Eating Week – 10th June (MR, T)</p>	<p>Fabulous Finish</p> <p>To finish Summer 1, the children will be releasing the butterflies that they have cared for. To finish Summer 2, the children will further develop their knowledge of how to nurture nature by visiting Haden Hill Park.</p>
<p>British Values and Citizenship:</p> <p>The Rule of Law (RL) will be promoted through school and class rules. Individual Liberty (IL), Mutual Respect (MR) and Tolerance (T) will be promoted through the curriculum. Children are encouraged to vote to make choices, promoting a sense of Democracy (D).</p>	<p>Dates for your diary:</p> <p>May Day – School Closed – 4th May KS2 SATs week – 11th May Inspire Creative workshops – w/b 18th May Phonic Screening Week – 8th June EYFS Sports Day – Date to be confirmed Parents Appointment – 15th July</p>
<p>Parental Engagement:</p> <p>We would love for you to participate in your child's learning by sharing any WOW moments through 2Simple Evidence Me. Please speak to the Reception Staff if you need any support.</p>	<p>Home Learning:</p> <p>Please support your child to practice their Phonics sounds, these will be sent home for you to practice. Weekly mathematics homework will also be sent out to practice skills. Our homework menu will be sent out soon for your child to choose their learning, please use the Evidence Me app to record this.</p>
<p>Key Texts: Jill Murphy's Peace at Last Whatever Next! Mr. Large in Charge A Quiet Night In</p>	<p>Key Rhymes:</p> <p>Mary, Mary Ten in a Bed There's a worm at the bottom of my garden Days of the Week and Months of the Year song.</p>

Term Quick View		
<p>Communication and Language</p> 	<p>The children will be encouraged to develop their spoken language by using connectives to extend their sentences. They will be taught question words and will be encouraged to ask questions throughout their learning experiences.</p>	
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Children will develop effective ways of rolling, bouncing and throwing a ball with a partner.</p>	<p>Children will develop techniques around dribbling a ball.</p>
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>Relationships What makes a good friend and how can we build healthy friendships?</p>	<p>Changing Me How do we change and who can we speak to about changes in our lives?</p>
<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>The children will build upon their storytelling skills to retell and innovate different stories. The children will use their phonic knowledge to support spelling words using sounds they have been taught.</p>	
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>Children will be building upon their prior knowledge of number in solving more complex addition and subtraction problems. They will begin to explore measuring, using non-standard units.</p>	
<p>Understanding the World</p> 	<p>In Summer 1, the children will be learning about different animals, including the life cycles of a butterfly. In Summer 2, the children will be learning about different types of plants and what they need to grow healthily.</p>	
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> 	<p>Children will build upon their observational drawing and painting skills as they learn about famous artists. They will be learning and performing a variety of songs and dance routines.</p>	