

# Reception in Summer 1

Reminders:  
Start time: 8:40  
End time: 3:10

Snack money is £1 a week - paid in to class. Please remember to pay as this allows us to provide a varied snack every day

Forest School is Monday

PE day is Thursday

How do we only have two half terms left in Reception! We are already hard at work since returning to school, and the end is in sight! We have a super busy half term ahead so please keep an eye on Tapestry for any extra activities that you can be doing to help further support your children in getting ready for Year 1!

Hattie Peck Literacy

The text for this half term is 'The Journey Home' a children's picture book where Hattie, a devoted hen, helps her grown-up, blended family of hatched creatures leave her nest to find their own homes. It is a story about letting go, navigating change, and unconditional love, featuring Hattie traveling across oceans and mountains to support her kids on their new adventures.

We will discover some exciting things along the way, and learn all about different animals and classifying some of them as well as thinking about how we take care of the young.

## Religious Education

Our focus is God is Love.

To the ends of the Earth:

'Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matthew 28:19) In this branch, in an age appropriate way, pupils will study the events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church. They will also learn about the Catholic Church today as the apostolic Church and how its liturgy and structures flow from the early Church.

Mathematics

Pupils will consolidate their counting skills, counting to larger numbers and developing a wider range of counting strategies. They will secure knowledge of number facts through varied practice. Pupils will continue to develop their counting skills, counting larger sets as well as counting actions and sounds; explore a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame, and see how doubles can be arranged in a 10-frame; compare quantities and numbers, including sets of objects which have different attributes; continue to develop a sense of magnitude, e.g. knowing that 8 is quite a lot more than 2, but 4 is only a little bit more than 2; begin to generalise about 'one more than' and 'one less than' numbers within 10; continue to identify when sets can be subitised and when counting is necessary; develop conceptual subitising skills including when using a rekenrek

## Physical Development

Our PE lessons this half term will see the children practice different striking and fielding games, putting into place all the skills we have learnt this year. Such as how to effectively throw a ball, catching skills, working as a team and how to handle equipment properly.

## Understanding the world

We will be looking to explore the world around us and see how it changes as we enter Summer. Providing lots of opportunity for children to note and record the weather and foster curiosity and give children freedom to touch, smell and hear the natural world around them

## PSED

As the focus text will be around Hattie Peck and her family, we will be looking at exploring what relationships can be - friendships, family. We will look at how we are a class family, how we can work together as a team to help one another. Safety around stranger danger.

## Expressive arts and design

Children will work to create their own healthy snacks, fruit and smoothies. We will also be looking at designing a new house for Hattie, making different pieces of furniture and designing clothes for Hattie to take on her adventures across the world.