



# Reception Home Learning Summer 1

This half term, children are invited to complete a range of home learning tasks linked to the curriculum and the learning taking place in class. Please complete at least three tasks, choosing from different areas of learning and development. For example, one from Communication and Language, one from Personal, Social and Emotional Development, and one from Physical Development. You are welcome to complete more if you wish.

Home learning can be completed in any order over the half term. You can choose any format to present the learning, such as photos, drawings or videos. Please upload your child's learning on to Tapestry. All children will have the chance to share their home learning with the class.

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
<p><b>Storytelling &amp; Listening</b> Shared story time: Read a variety of books related to Growth &amp; Change. Ask simple questions: "What do you think will happen next?" "How has the caterpillar changed?" Encourage children to describe stages of growth in their own words.</p>	<p><b>My Growth Journey</b> Children create a "Me Then and Now" book or poster with pictures/drawings showing how they've changed (baby → toddler → now). Share with family members discussing how you felt/now feeling.</p>	<p><b>Planting</b> Help an adult at home with planting. Use safe garden tools to help with digging, scooping and pressing soil.</p>
<p><b>Personal Growth Timeline</b> Children have a look at old pictures and draw pictures of themselves at different ages (baby, toddler, now). Talk about their changes: "What could you do as a baby?" "What can you do now that you couldn't do then?"</p>	<p><b>Care for Living Things</b> Spend some time either growing a plant, looking after a pet, or observing animals. This will help with children's responsibility and recognising the impact of their actions on others (including animals and plants).</p>	<p><b>Stretch and Grow Yoga</b> Have a go at daily simple yoga poses representing growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree pose → standing tall like a growing tree.</li> <li>• Cat-cow → stretching like animals.</li> <li>• Butterfly pose → arms moving like wings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Plant or Growth Observation</b> Plant seeds (beans or sunflowers) at home or observe chicks/caterpillars if possible. Encourage children to: Describe what they see each day. Use descriptive language: "The seed is tiny, but the leaves are green and big today." Ask questions: "Why did the leaf grow?" "What will happen next?"</p>	<p><b>Create a Growth Celebration Jar at home</b> Children write or draw one thing they learned or achieved each day and put it in a jar. Fun idea: At the end of the week, share the jar and celebrate progress together and have a treat!</p>	<p><b>Cutting and Crafting Growth</b> Make caterpillars, flowers or people at different growth stages using paper, scissors and glue.</p>
<p><b>Visit the local library</b> Visit your local library and explore books about Growth/Change. Read and talk about your favourite story with a friend or family member.</p>	<p><b>Have a play date with a class friend</b> Arrange a play date at the park or somewhere local with a friend from class.</p>	<p><b>Dough-Disco</b> Have a go at these dough-disco videos to strengthen your finger muscles!</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=dough+disco">https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=dough+disco</a></p>

**Creative Curriculum Project - Create your own 3D LIFECYCLE OF A PLANT OR ANIMAL MODEL.  
Bring in for show and tell on Monday 18th May 2026**

**Useful websites and resources**

- Read Write Inc Phonics Videos-  
<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers>
- White Rose 1 Minute Maths App-  
<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths>

**Weekly commitments**

- **Read a bedtime story** with your child at least **five times a week**
- Take part in the **Whitchurch Reading Challenge**. Try to read all 30 books by the end of the school year!
- **Practise your weekly phonics** in your home learning reading folder and videos on Tapestry
- Complete **weekly online Maths learning** (posted on Tapestry)
- PE days: Every Monday