

Summer 2026

Early Years News Reception

How you can help at home

We cannot believe it is summer term already and your child's last few months in Reception! This term is all about aiming for the 'Early Learning Goals', set by the government, which are the Age Related Expectations for the end of Reception in readiness for year 1 (The Age Related Expectations can be viewed on the class pages of our website). **Your support is crucial and any help at home is invaluable.**

Main focuses for summer term:

- Writing simple sentences **independently**, not copied. High frequency words e.g. the, and, went, to, should be spelt correctly (please see our webpage for a list of words for Reception). Other words can be spelt *phonetically* - written as they sound and not necessarily spelt correctly e.g. sinima for cinema.
- Recognising, ordering and using numbers **to 20**, recognising one more and one less **to 20**.
- Simple addition and subtraction e.g. $6+4=10$ so $4+6$ also makes 10 and $10-4=6$, $10-6=4$ etc.
- Practise doubling and halving numbers and sharing sets of objects equally.
- **Correct letter formation**, starting at the right place (NOT up from the bottom then adding the stick - there are many demonstration videos on YouTube if you need to **check the READ WRITE Inc way!**)

If your child is not yet competent with the above skills they will not meet end of year expectations, please practise them as often as possible at home – many thanks for your continued support.

Summer Term Theme - Who Lives Where?

We are really looking forward to our theme for summer term which is 'Who lives where?' We will explore different environments, animal habitats, life cycles, growing plants, our feelings, pollution and recycling.

We will be creating models made from recyclable materials, maps of different environments, a wormery, pictures using an IT graphics programme and a fact file all about me for my new teacher! Any related books or resources that you could lend us would be very much appreciated.

End of Year Celebrations!

We are very excited about our trip to the Reddish Vale Farm on Monday 27th April. Many thanks for your contributions enabling our trip to go ahead and to those parents who have offered to come along and help, it's very much appreciated. It will involve lots of learning and be a great day!

We will also be holding an end of year picnic (more details to follow).

IMPORTANT DATES

- Reddish Vale farm trip – Monday 27th April – **please arrive at school on time... We can't wait!**
- Wednesday 20th May – Sports Day AM
- Wednesday 8th July – Parents Open Evening
- TBC – End of Year Picnic

A Few Reminders: Summer term

- All children will need a cap or sunhat in school to take part in outdoor activities. **PLEASE NAME CLEARLY.**
- In hot weather please remember to apply sun cream at home.
- Please also ensure that your child has a named **WATER** bottle (not juice) brought to school each day. Many thanks