

Reception Newsletter

27th March 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy and exciting week. We introduced the story 'The Little Red Hen'. The children enjoyed discussing the story. They made their own red hens, wrote letters to the animals asking for help and wrote speech bubbles for what the animals are saying.

The children had a fantastic time on their trip to the Postal Museum, us and the museum staff were all so impressed by their behaviour. It was a great time to visit as it was the 40th Anniversary of the Jolly Postman, there was a special exhibition to celebrate. The children got to join in with an interactive workshop about 'The Jolly Postman' being retold, they got to ride a postal train, they learnt about the history of post and got to be postal workers themselves by sorting and delivering parcels!

This week in Phonics, we recapped how to read longer words. In Maths, we have been exploring different 3D shapes. In Handwriting, we have been practicing the letter 'P' (Down the penguin's back, up and around its head).

Our Summer 1 topic will be 'Growth' and we will be starting it by looking at the story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will begin learning Phase 4, which consist of longer words. In Maths, we will be looking at making numbers 11, 12 and 13.

Swimming:

Please have a look at the swimming timetable to get yourself prepared for when your child will be swimming at school.

	Dolphins	Turtles	Pandas
21 st April	9.00-10.30	10.30-12.00	
28 th April	9.00-10.30	10.30-12.00	
5 th May	9.00-10.30	10.30-12.00	
12 th May	9.00-10.30	10.30-12.00	
19 th May	9.00-10.30		10.30-12.00
26th May	No swimming – Half term		
2 nd June		10.30-12.00	9.00-10.30
9 th June		10.30-12.00	9.00-10.30
16 th June		10.30-12.00	9.00-10.30
23 rd June	10.30-12.00		9.00-10.30
30 th June	10.30-12.00		9.00-10.30
7 th July			9.00-10.30
14 th July			

Book bags:

Book bags will not be sent home over the holidays. They will be sent out on the first week back.

The children have worked so hard this half term and we are so proud of all their amazing progress they are making. We hope you and the children have a well-deserved and restful break.

Many thanks and have a great holiday!

The Reception Team

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

 eat in the rain	ai	 sleep in a jeep	ee	 a light in the night	igh	 soap that goat	oa
 look at book	oo	 zoom to the moon	oo	 search in the dark	ar	 item with a horn	or
 out the fur	ur	 soar and	ow	 being being	oi	 get near to foot	ear
 float in the air	air	 a bigger digger	er				

We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

lightning

mammoth

earring

poison

queens

chains

chairs

cars

boots

surfs

cooks

cheeps

torches

boxes

fizzes

fishes

We will be reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?

You need to put on coats and boots to go into the garden.

The cooks pop the popcorn and pop it into the boxes!

We will be practising tricky words. Can you spot the tricky part of the word?

they

all

by

my

are

sure

pure



p



p

p

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Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.

