



EYFS Summer Term Newsletter

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are feeling refreshed for the new term.

We cannot believe we are already heading into summer term and will be getting the children ready for their smooth transition into Key Stage 1 ready for September. We have two terms of exciting plans coming up and will be very busy!

Term Five

This term our theme is Animals. We will be exploring a range of different animals, learning about their habitats, characteristics, and how they live. Children will have opportunities to develop their curiosity about the natural world through play, discussion, and a variety of activities, while continuing to build their speaking, listening, and early mark-making skills. It is a wonderful topic to spark interest and support a love of learning about living things.

Literacy/Communication and Language

We will be continuing to follow the 'Little Wandle' phonics programme and looking at how we use sounds to build words. We will be continuing to revise Phase 3 and explore Phase 4. We will be exploring a range of engaging texts including Elmer, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, "Slowly, Slowly, Slowly" said the Sloth, and Monkey Puzzle, continuing to build confidence in retelling stories, as well as writing captions and simple sentences.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on numbers to 20 and beyond, exploring 1 more, 1 less and simple and practical addition and subtraction. Finally, we will look at length and height. We will also be exploring 2-D and 3-D shapes in further detail including rotating, manipulating and decomposing shapes. Finally, we will be working on reciting number facts off by heart including number bonds to 5 and 10 and double facts.





Term Six

Our theme for Term Six is Our World. We will be exploring the world around us, learning about different environments and the importance of caring for our planet. Children will have opportunities to develop their understanding of the wider world through play, discussion, and a range of engaging activities, while continuing to build their communication skills, curiosity, and early mark-making. It is a meaningful topic that encourages children to think about how we can look after our world.

Literacy/Communication and Language

We will continue to follow the 'Little Wandle' phonics programme, using sounds to build words and develop early reading and writing skills. We will continue to revise Phase 3 and explore Phase 4. We will be exploring a range of engaging texts including Sharing a Shell, Somebody Swallowed Stanley, Beautiful Earth, and Little People, Big Dreams: Earth Heroes, continuing to build confidence in retelling stories, as well as writing captions and simple sentences.

Mathematics

Children will explore patterns, sharing and grouping, and begin to make links through mapping and following simple instructions. We will continue to build number sense, focusing on subitising and recalling number facts, including number bonds to 5 and 10 and doubles, to support fluency and confidence.





Woodland Adventure Kit Change for Summer

Please can Woodland Kits continue to be brought into school each Wednesday. As it is getting warmer, if it is dry please do not send in your child's puddle suit. Instead, a long sleeve t shirt with leggings/joggers is perfect please. Arms and legs need to be covered so the children can still safely climb on the logs etc.

Please ensure all items of clothing/shoes etc. are clearly labelled, thank you.

Stay and Play Sessions

Spring Term (in EYFS)

Tuesday 28th April, 2:30pm – Duckling Class

Wednesday 29th April , 2:30pm – Puggle Class

Summer Term (at Woodland Adventure)

Tuesday 14th July, 2:30pm – Puggle Class

Wednesday 15th July, 2:30pm – Duckling Class



Class Assemblies

We are looking forward to preparing, rehearsing and performing our class assemblies to you! Please enter the main school hall via the front playground past the coffee box. Please note the below dates and times:

Thursday 18th June – Duckling Class Assembly

Thursday 25th June – Puggle Class Assembly

Music Workshops – Mini Maestros

Kelly from Mini Maestros will be working with our EYFS classes on Friday mornings for 10 weeks, leading fun, engaging music sessions that support children's creativity, confidence, and musical development. The sessions are designed to respond to children's interests and help develop meaningful musical experiences within the classroom. We are really looking forward to these sessions!



EYFS Trip – The Rare Breeds Centre

We are very much looking forward to our EYFS trip to the Rare Breeds Centre on **Wednesday 20th May 2026**. This visit is a long-standing part of our EYFS curriculum and provides a wonderful hands-on learning experience, helping children develop their understanding of animals and the natural world, as well as building confidence and independence alongside their friends. The trip has been carefully planned as a structured school visit and we will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning in time for collection at the normal time.

What your child will need:

- School uniform and comfortable walking shoes
- A waterproof jacket and sun hat (just in case!)
- A packed lunch in a small backpack (no cans, glass bottles or chocolate, please, as children will carry their own lunch)

If your child needs travel sickness medication, please give this to the class teacher on the morning of the trip in a named, sealed envelope with clear instructions. This will be administered before departure.

Parent volunteers and visitors: All staff attending are fully qualified and DBS checked, and safeguarding remains our highest priority. Parent volunteers will support alongside staff as part of the school team.

We kindly advise that families do not plan independent visits to the Rare Breeds Centre during our visit time, as seeing family members unexpectedly can be unsettling for children and may disrupt the planned activities. If families do choose to visit the Centre on the same day, please note that only pre-arranged parent volunteers will be able to accompany the school group, and other visitors will not be able to join or remain with us during the trip.

We are excited for what promises to be a fun, enriching, and memorable day for the children. Thank you for your continued support.





General Information

- School opens at 8.45am to enable a prompt start to the working day at 8.55am, this is when the gate will be locked. Pick up time is at 3.25pm.
- Please ensure that ALL your child's belongings are clearly named. This is especially important with the weather getting warmer as cardigans and jumpers are often taken off throughout the day. If items are not clearly named, it is very difficult to retrieve lost items.
- Please note that, in accordance with our Health and Safety policy, children are not allowed to wear jewellery, make-up, nail varnish or tattoos in school except for small stud earrings in pierced ears which must be removed for PE lessons. Long hair must be always tied back.
- As the weather begins to get warmer, please ensure your child has a sun hat in school and sun cream is applied when required.
- Little Wandle books are read with an adult 3x throughout the week and sent home on a Thursday. Please enjoy listening to your child read their book and show off their reading to you at home and ensure their book is back in their back on the following Monday morning. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.
- Library books, which are picture books chosen by your child to share at home and to support instilling a love of reading, are changed over every Friday.
- Please continue to check Google Classroom for the weekly uploads of phonics learning on a Friday. Weekly homework of letter formation sheets will continue to be sent home each week.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions or would like to chat, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the EYFS team. We're always here to help!

