



Reception Newsletter Spring 2026

Literacy

We are continuing to teach the children Phase 3 of phonics using our new scheme Unlocking Letters and Sounds. The children will have a daily 30-minute phonic session learning new phonemes and common exception words.

We will be using our phonic knowledge to write simple words and phrases which can be read by others, form our letters correctly and continue to encourage their love of reading with new book every week and daily story time.



Maths

The children will be looking at these topics this term **Alive in 5!:** **Number** (introducing zero, comparing numbers to 5 and the composition of 4 and 5); **Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking** (comparing mass and comparing capacity)- **Growing 6, 7 and 8:** **Number** (the numbers 6, 7 and 8, making pairs and combining 2 groups); **Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking** (length, height and time) **Building 9 and 10:** **Number** (the numbers 9 and 10, comparing numbers to 10 and bonds to 10); **Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking** (3D shapes and pattern)

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be looking closely at our value of 'justice' this term. In our PSHE lessons we will be learning about being our best, being able to bounce back when things go wrong. Looking at eating healthily and creating a healthy mind.



We have also begun our My Happy Mind curriculum learning all about the parts of our brain and how to keep it happy.

This term our topics are: Long ago & 'Stories and



Rhymes Spring 2026



They are like trees that grow beside a stream that bear fruit at the right time and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in all they do. Psalm 1:3

Communication and Language

Through both classroom and circle time activities, we will continue to build on our ability to listen for extended periods of time, both in small groups and as a whole class. Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.



Physical Development

We will have PE lessons on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school.



This term we will be doing the unit **Ourselves** the focus of the unit is dance using big actions and moving in different ways to create our own dances.

We will also continue to use Jump Start Jonny The children will also be doing balancability on a Monday.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and - when appropriate - try to move in time with music.

They will explore artwork made by great artists. They will also safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.



RE/Understanding the World

This term we will be thinking about what life was like long ago focusing on how different it was bringing up babies using books such as Peepo and Rosie's Hat and how much they have changed as they have grown into children.

The children will look at natural changes which occur throughout the seasons and look at describing their immediate environment.

In RE the children will be focusing on Stories. We will talk about our favourite stories then look at some of the special stories from the Bible which talk about making a difference to people.

