



## Reception Summer 1 Newsletter

**Welcome back to Summer 1!**

We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready for an exciting half term!

### The EYFS Curriculum

There are 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum which we cover in our indoor and outdoor provision. These areas are:

#### Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

#### Specific Areas

- Literacy (writing/reading)
  - Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Our learning this half term is based around the topics: **Planting** and **Minibeasts**.

We are very excited to start planting our own fruits, vegetables and herbs, exploring parts of plants and understanding more about where our food comes from.

We will be exploring minibeasts around the garden, observing how they move and exploring their habitats.

#### Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-does-your-garden-grow>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/7-tips-for-gardening-with-children>



### Key dates for your diary:

Monday 13th April EYFS Coffee Morning 11.45-12.45pm

Friday 17th April Family Friday 8:45-9:30am

Friday 1st May Family Friday 8:45-9:30am

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday - Gainsborough closed

**Thursday 14th May Reception trip to Olympic park**

Friday 15th May Family Friday 8:45-9:30am

Monday 18th May Walk to School Week

Friday 22nd May Wear stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 22nd May Gainsborough's Got Talent! 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 22nd May Last day of Summer 1

Monday 25th May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May Under 5 Holiday Camp

Monday 1st June Summer 2 begins

Friday 17th July Last day of Summer 2

Monday 20th July INSET day all staff

## Family Friday

We would like to invite you into our class to do activities with your child from 8:45-9:30am every other Friday.

Our Family Friday dates for Reception are:

Friday 17th April

Friday 1st May.

Friday 15th May

## PE

Class PE Day: **Wednesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesdays**.



## Reading

We will continue reading through Read Write Inc. phonics (RWI). Children will learn a new sound each day. Some children will learn to read simple sentences.

Your child will be taking a book home or a short story which is their phonic level. Please ensure children are reading these everyday.



Have a go at reading words by segmenting then blending the sounds together:

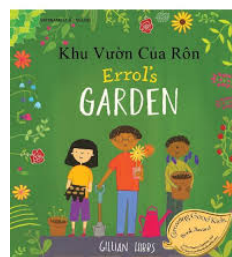
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxn9dp3/articles/zsqxhcw>

Practise reading and matching high frequency words:

<https://www.starfall.com/h/ltr-lv-i/match-sw/?sn=ltr-classic>

## Writing




Our core texts for this term are:



This term we will be developing our pencil grips to write fluently. We will be using finger spaces and full stops in our writing. As well as beginning to use capital letters at the beginning of our sentences.

We will be writing instructions, lists, descriptions, captions and retell stories on a story map.

Find out about the life cycle of a plant:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zyr87v4>

Maths	Forest School
<p>For this coming half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• talking about and exploring 2d and 3d shapes using mathematical language,</li> <li>• counting on from a given number,</li> <li>• ordering, matching numbers and completing missing numbers.</li> <li>• doubling, halving and sharing.</li> </ul> <p>We will continue to develop our mathematical knowledge through games, songs and rhymes.</p> <p>Practise recognising, counting, ordering and sequencing numbers  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs3j2v4/articles/zd4b382">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs3j2v4/articles/zd4b382</a></p> 	<p>Forest School is a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors. Children will need to come to school in suitable clothing as we learn the skills needed to be safe and successful at Forest School.</p> <p><b>Forest School will take place from: 14th April 2026</b></p> <p>Children will need wellington boots and puddle suits, our sessions will be every <b>Tuesday afternoons.</b></p> 
Junk modelling and loose parts	Useful information
<p>We use a lot of natural resources in our play to provoke imagination and we would appreciate your help with recycling items for our junk modeling sessions, such as: water bottles, cardboard boxes, or any loose part items such as lids, corks, pinecones, pebbles and shells.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water bottles: Children do not need to bring a water bottle to school as we provide individual bottles in class.</li> <li>• Label uniforms and spare clothes: Please provide a spare change of clothes for your child and label the uniforms.</li> <li>• Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Breakfast clubs 8.00-8.45</li> <li>○ After school clubs 3.45-5.00</li> <li>○ Playcentre 5.00-6.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Visit our website for dates, news and other information</a></p>	