

Reception Curriculum overview Summer 1 2026

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(To Know You More Clearly)

To the ends of the Earth

Children will learn about how Jesus went back to his Father and how he sent a special friend, the Holy Spirit, to look after us. We will look at how Sunday is a special day to come together with our parish family

Physical development

Fine motor skills:

We will be practising our cutting skills, cutting curves and circles. We will be promoting more independence with dressing, including doing our buttons and putting on our own shoes.

Gross motor skills: We will be practising travelling around, under, over and through climbing equipment. As well as switching speeds and directions.

Personal, Social & Emotional development

Managing feelings and behaviour, making relationships, self-confidence and self-awareness.

Talk about what they are good at and what they want to get better at and show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

Communication & Language

Speaking, listening and understanding:

Children will be encouraged to express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences. We will focus on including use of past, present and future tenses.

English

Reading: for Drawing Club this half term we will focus on stories that are linked to gardening, such as Jaspers Beanstalk, The Extraordinary Gardner and The Poddington Peas.

Writing: Write simple phrases and sentences including writing and verbalising simple instruction.

Phonics: We continue our Monster Phonics program, practising reading and writing cvc words and captions.

Maths

This half term we will cover:

- Counting to 20 and beyond
- How many now?(adding and taking away)
- 2D shapes - manipulate, compose and decompose.

Understanding the world

We will be looking at growing, planting seeds and the importance of plants and flowers. We will also introduce the topic of Summer.

Expressive arts and design

Children will use a range of ways to manipulate malleable materials to create representations of their learning. They will make choices on size colour and material independently.

Events & celebrations

Monday 13th April: Return to school
Thursday 23rd April: St Georges Hall visit
Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday
Monday. **School is closed.**
Thursday 21st May: Last day of half-term

Learning Life skills

A focus this half term is for children to be able to express how they are feeling and think about how others are feeling. Our collective worship time is great for reflecting on this matter and enables children to take this into their day-to-day life.

Learning in the environment

Children will be encouraged to do more independent writing and mark making in their play. This will include lists, instructions and labelling.

We will also be encouraging children to make more precise choices in their play when choosing materials and resources to create, for example if a child is making a tower, we will look at what height, how many blocks they might use and how they plan to achieve their goal.

Family Learning

Please buy a book bag from our office as they are now available, they cost £3.50. We will be sending home readers that will be changed every Friday.

We also have a big focus on talk time this year. This is quick and easy for you to support at home! Have a talk about what you can see on the way to school, what you're making for lunch or what your plans are for the weekend! It all supports their learning.

