

# Reception Our Summer Term



## Welcome back!

Welcome back to school. We can't believe we're in Summer Term already!

A reminder that our day starts at 8:55 am and ends at 3:25 pm. Please continue to return their reading books every Monday. We encourage you to check Google Classroom each Friday for updates and photos from the week. If you need help logging in, let us know.

A reminder that children should be dropped off at the door and walked into the classroom by their teacher. Please also be reminded that children are not permitted to bring any toys or special items from home into school. This will help massively with the smooth running of our day.

## The Weekly Schedule

Music will be on Tuesdays



PE is on Tuesday for both classes, as well as Wednesday for Acorn and Friday for Conker

Reading books go home on Thursday and should be returned on Monday

## Our topics are...



Summer 1: Life Cycles and Post

Summer 2: Under the Sea and Amazing Africa

## Dates for your Brookfield Diary

April 29<sup>th</sup> and Visit to The Secret Garden

May 2<sup>nd</sup> School closed for Polling

May 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday Monday

May 7<sup>th</sup> Trip to The Postal Museum

May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

Don't miss a thing – you can view the school calendar on our website [here](#), and please read the weekly newsletter which is emailed to you every Friday

## Prime Areas of Learning



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We'll learn about healthy eating, kindness, growing and changing.

### Physical Development

We will continue providing opportunities for the children to develop their gross motor skills in their PE lessons and outdoor play. They will enhance their fine motor skills through woodwork, cutting, drawing, sticking, construction and letter formation practice.

### Communication and Language

This term the children will continue sharing ideas using 'talk partners', thinking carefully about how to be a good listener and speaker. We will continue exploring respectful ways to challenge ideas we disagree with. During activity time we will encourage children to solve their own problems by thinking collaboratively about solutions.

## Specific Areas of Learning



### Understanding of the World

We're talking about Spring a lot in class and all the children have planted a runner bean. We also have class caterpillars which we're hoping will become butterflies before half term. Next term the children will learn about Africa and sea creatures.

### Literacy

In phonics the children will review all the taught sounds from Phase 2 and 3 as well as learning Summer tricky words. Decodable words will include adjacent consonants (e.g, milk, dress). We will continue with reading groups three times a week, with the books from the groups going home each Thursday. We will continue to focus on a high-quality picture book linking with our theme each week. Please check Google Classroom each Friday if you would like to see which book we've read that week. Children's writing will link to these weekly themes and books.

### Maths

We've begun this term counting to 20 and beyond. Further number work this will focus on composition (How an amount is made). The children will work out how many more have been added to amounts within 10. We will then work on sharing amounts into equal groups. Our shape space and pattern work will focus on making pictures and arrangements from shapes, mapping, perspective and deepening our previous learning on repeating patterns.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be doing still life paintings of spring blossom. They will also experiment with string printing. Next half term we will make textile collages and observational drawings of crystals and agate slices.