

Early Years Foundation Stage

Curriculum Newsletter - Summer term 2026

Key dates for your diary:

Nursery	
Friday 17 th April	Forest School parent meeting @ 2:45
Wednesday 22 nd April (5 weeks, every Wednesday)	Forest school sessions for group 1.
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday- school closed
Wednesday 6 th May	Bike or roll to school day
Friday 8 th May	Animal handling experience
WC 25.05.26	Half term
Wednesday 3 rd June (5 weeks, every Wednesday)	Forest school sessions for group 2.
Friday 12 th June	Art Day (mufti/messy clothes)
Friday 19 th June	EYFS Picnic @ 11:30
Thursday 25 th June	Gallery Day (parents/carers invited)
WC 29.06.26	Transition week for Nursery children going into Reception (2026)
Friday 10 th July	Nursery Graduation (parents/carers invited) @ 11:00 or 2:30
Wednesday 15 th July	Trip to Brocks wood Animal Sanctuary (families invited)
Wednesday 15 th July	Parents drop in after school to meet new class teacher
Wednesday 15 th July	Nursery break up for the summer holidays.

Reception	
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday- school closed
Wednesday 6 th May	Bike or roll to school day
Thursday 7 th May	Animal handling experience
Wednesday 20 th May	Reception Maths parent share @ 2:40
WC 25.05.26	Half term
Friday 12 th June	Art Day (mufti/messy clothes)
Tuesday 16 th June	West Midlands Safari Park Trip
Friday 19 th June	EYFS Picnic @ 11:30
Thursday 25 th June	Gallery Day (parents/carers invited)
Thursday 9 th July	Reception graduation @ 2:30
Wednesday 15 th July	Parents drop in after school to meet new class teacher
Friday 17 th July	Reception breaks up for the summer holidays.

New Topics!

Nursery - Our topic in Nursery this term is 'Exploring Our World'. In Nursery, we are going to be learning about mini-beasts and sea creatures. We will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly through real-life observations as well as other life cycles too.



Reception - Our topic in Reception this term is "All Creatures Great and Small". In Reception, we are learning all about a range of animals and insects! We will explore their habitats, where they live in our world and what they need to survive! We are all very excited to visit a range of animals on our trip to West Midlands Safari Park.



Children in Nursery have been enjoying playing in our mud kitchen outside.

We do have a selection of waterproof clothing in school but if your child has their own all-in-one waterproof suit they would prefer to wear, please ensure it is named and it can be left in school.



If your child has their own wellies, these can also be left in school. Again, please ensure they are named.



How you can help your child develop independence at home:

- Practise getting dressed, doing up zips and fastening buttons
- Practise using cutlery when eating
- Allow your child to help with some jobs around the house e.g. putting laundry into drawers, making breakfast
- Encourage them to tidy up after themselves e.g. put toys away after playing, put plate in kitchen
- Practise washing hands and cleaning teeth

As the weather will be warming up within the coming weeks.

We do encourage our children to go outdoors every day, in all weathers. Please make sure that your child is suitably dressed and on hot days, ensure they are wearing sun cream and have a sun hat in school.

We want to make sure our children are hydrated in warm weather. Children are currently provided with a carton of milk each day. Please send your child with a bottle of still squash or water which they can drink when needed.

Please ensure that all bottles are named.



Literacy

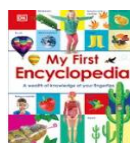
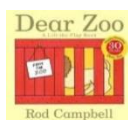
Nursery:

This term in Nursery, our main stories are 'The Hungry Caterpillar and The Rainbow Fish. We will be learning all about life cycles and celebrating how we are all different!



Reception:

This term in Reception, our main stories are Dear Zoo and an Encyclopaedia. We will be learning about different animals and exploring new facts through non-fiction texts!



We are now reading multiple times per week in Reception so please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading diary into school every day in their book bag.

Maths

Nursery:

This term in Nursery, we will continue to recognise numbers and practise counting, we will look at patterns and sequencing and learn how to compare 2 sets of objects using the language of more/fewer. We will also recap 2D and 3D shape names and look at some of the properties of these shapes. We will find objects in the environment to match shapes.

Reception:

This term in Reception, we will be practising counting beyond 10 and learn number bonds to 10. We will be finding one more and one less and learn how to add and subtract. We will also be looking at patterns, doubling and sharing and also recognition of odd and even numbers.

You can support your child with Maths at home too. When you go shopping, talk about prices and look at numbers you see. When you lay the table, talk about how many plates you need. Notice shapes around your home etc. We are sending home the Maths scrap books every 2 weeks. We will send them home every other Friday alongside reading books. These can be returned once the tasks are complete.

Don't forget...



You can add to your child's learning journey using Evidence Me. We love to see the experiences the children have outside of school!