

Reception Curriculum Details ~ Summer 1 2026

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term!

Our theme this half term is 'The Secret Garden'. Over the coming weeks, we will be looking at minibeasts, where they live and the different stages of their life cycles. We will also be identifying the parts of a plant, their functions and exploring what plants need to grow. We will have a strong Science focus as we plant seeds, take delivery of caterpillars and later on, wait for our eggs to hatch in the incubator.

In RE we will be learning about 'Special Places' in a unit entitled 'Which places are special and why?' Look out for message via Seesaw requesting a photo from home in the next couple of weeks! Our PSHE unit, 'Growing and Changing', links closely to our learning in Science.



Each day we have a carpet session with a Maths focus. The children will learn strategies for counting forwards and backwards and use a 10 frame to help practice their number bonds to 10. On Fridays, we will continue to focus on 2D shapes, rotating, composing, decomposing and manipulating them to create new shapes. Inspired by the Very Hungry Caterpillar, we will practise saying the days of the week in order.

In preparation for Year 1, it is important for the children to secure their sight vocabulary. We will revisit the High Frequency words sent home so far, and practise writing them, too. When writing, we will be paying particular attention to ascenders and descenders. A further three sets of 'tricky words' will come home this term. It is great to see the children's confidence and fluency developing with reading. Our 'Shared Reader' text will be on the class page of our school website; we hope that the children will be able to read this to you at home, too. In Phonics, we will continue to focus on one grapheme each week, and this will be shared with you via the children's reading diaries.



In our Welly Wednesday (outdoor learning) sessions, we will be observing seasonal changes. Please continue to send kits in on Wednesdays. Although children need waterproofs if it is raining, it is fine for them to wear old trousers and **long-sleeved** tops for warmer Wednesday sessions. Weather permitting, we will hope to enjoy our first pond-dipping sessions this half term.

PE will continue on Tuesdays. Our Get Set 4 PE unit is Dance with a focus on 'everyday life'. The children will explore travelling movements, shapes and balances. In addition to this, our Balanceability programme will begin this half term, with weekly sessions outside on the balance bikes.



'Show and Tell' takes place on Fridays. Children are welcome to bring one item from home to show their friends in circle time. It needs to fit into their book bag. Every effort is made to keep things safe, but please don't send in anything too precious!

Dates for your diary: On **Thursday 16th April**, we will be joining other Reception children in our Cluster of schools for a 'Tiny Olympics' at The Chantry. The School Photographer is due on **Friday 1st May**. On **Thursday 21st May**, we will be joining Mrs Benton and Year 1/2 for a Forest School Day in Suckley Woods. This is always a fantastic trip and part of the children's transition into Year 1. Further details for both trips will be sent out shortly.

As always, if you have any concerns, no matter how small, please do get in touch via reception@broadwas.worcs.sch.uk. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term!

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