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Reception Year 1 and 2 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – Summer Term 2026 – first half

Welcome back to School, we hope you all had an enjoyable break. A reminder that Mrs Taylor teaches Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Murray teaches on Fridays. Mrs Broadley is our classroom assistant on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Kitching and Miss Driver share the support of children in our classroom.

Our topic in Year 1 & 2 this half term is Farm Shop. The children will be focusing on Farms, farming life and the farm shop. We will be questioning a Farmer about life on his farm, we will be visiting a farm and farm shop. In Geography we will be looking at features in our locality and comparing them to living in a city. The Topic in Reception is growing in this unit the children will be exploring lifecycles, growing vegetables, minibeasts and frogs

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Murray

English Overview

Writing- Our three Units this half term in Year 1 and 2 will be looking at Stories Familiar Settings and the book will be Farmer Duck. Following on from this we will spend time on Persuasion and work on a poster showcasing the farm shop. In the final weeks we will have fun looking at Riddles then making our own.

Reading- We will be reading and discussing many books such as Mudpuddle Farm: Six Animal Adventures by Michael Morpurgo, Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell, The Pig in the Pond by Martin Waddell. Farmer Dan and his Big Brother Stan, Jack and the Beanstalk, Olivers Vegetables, Tadpoles promise, the magical garden of Claude Monet and books on Mini Beasts.

Spellings for Year 1 and 2 – Will be sent home on Monday and tested the following Monday. Please check your child's spelling book and practise as often as possible.

Phonics – All the children have phonics daily. The Reception children are currently working on Phase 3 Please practise your child's letter sounds and their tricky words. Tricky words will also be checked and changed every Monday. The Year 1 and 2 children are on Phase 5. Please ask your child about their learning daily.

Reading Books and Guided Reading

Each day, children get the opportunity to read and discuss books. We make sure every child is heard read twice a week. Children should still be reading at home every day and if your child needs their reading books changing more frequently than twice a week please let us know. Please **write in the Reading journal**, if you hear them read or have a discussion about what they are reading. **Please ensure your child brings their school reading journal with their book to school everyday.**



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Maths Overview

The half term the focus will be as follows-

Reception - Numbers up to 20, addition, understanding shapes by manipulating shapes and rotating, pattern work sharing grouping, and there will be lots of practical work on direction and maths outside

Year 1 and 2 – Partitioning, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. We will cover geometry looking at position and direction and there will be lots of place value within 50 for Year 1 and 100 work for Year 2

Other Subjects:

Religious Education – Churches and places of Worship

Science – Plants – An introduction to plants

Computing – Digital imagery

Art – Exploring line and shape

Music – Charanga – Your Imagination

Geography – Comparing our locality to what would it be like to live in Shanghai

Physical Education – Striking Fielding and Orienteering

PSHE – Being my Best

PE- Please ensure that that your child has a fully named PE kit that it is kept in a labelled bag - refer to the Parent Handbook for the correct uniform list. No earrings are to be worn on PE days. PE lessons this half term will take place on **Tuesday and Friday**.

Homework – Occasionally we will send work home for your children to complete. Although the focus in Reception is practising your phonics and Tricky words until they are embedded and listening to your child read daily. Year 1 and 2 also have weekly spellings and reading daily with your child.

Forest School - Mrs Murray plans the forest school in line with our topic weekly. Forest School takes place on **Friday afternoon**. Please ensure your child brings in warm waterproof clothing and wellies or boots.

Key Dates for your child's class:

School Trip – Mrs Dowsons Farm – Thursday 30th April

Big School Workout with Joe Wicks – Thursday 14th May

If there are any changes to your child's medical needs that we should be aware of, please get in touch with Mrs Mason. Likewise, If you have changed email addresses please make sure you have informed Mrs Mason in the office. An email will be sent to you every Friday to keep you updated with what has been happening in class each week.

The theme for worship this half term is:

Friendship