



Spring 2026



Reception News

THEME FOR THE TERM

We have enjoyed continuing our topic 'What is a story character?' this week by looking at Superheroes! Next as we wave goodbye to the winter, we will be observing changes in the weather and signs of Spring in the environment and thinking about what plants need to grow.



Also, during this half term, our thoughts turn towards the traditional Easter story and the customs surrounding this religious spring festival. Please see more on our Medium term plan,



LITERACY

As part of our phonics, we will be revising our sounds including special friends - "two letters that produce one sound" as we continue with our phonics scheme - Read Write Inc.



Handwriting this half term will focus on 'One armed robot' letters. (Please see sheet sent home at the beginning of this term for the letter families and how to form them and continue to practise the long ladder letters from last half-term too).

We continue working on key words with our 'Word Wallets'. Please try to practise these regularly alongside the reading books and sounds. Once all of the words can be read easily, try reading them aloud for your child to spell.

We will continue to change reading books to send home on Fridays. (Please send in the book and blue reading record on Thursday). Please remember to date, sign and if necessary, write a short comment in the reading diary every time you read with them, as this will mean we can move them up the Reading Rocket. Although we love to see the books that you are sharing with your child, we would now like the children to read their school reading material to move up the rocket - this can be the book band book, the book from their Fred wallet or practising their sounds/Winston words. If you have any questions, please do come and ask us.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

We will be observing Spring flowers and look at the work of artist Clare Bowen. The children will also continue to enjoy the art and craft room to freely create collages and models from their own imagination. We would be grateful for any assorted recyclable materials to use for these projects!



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

In R.E we will be looking at the life of Jesus, Mothering Sunday, and the Easter Story.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

P.E sessions this term will continue to take place on Fridays. During these sessions we will continue to do Gym when we use the large climbing equipment in the hall and also develop the children's control of smaller apparatus such as beanbags and quoits



We still lose valuable teaching time each week after P.E, as we endeavour to match un-named items of clothing to their rightful owners! We also realise that even when clothing is named, mistakes still happen, and a child may go home wearing an item belonging to someone else. Please be vigilant, checking your child's uniform regularly - daily if possible - and return the items to us. If your child has lost any clothing, we can send out a letter asking parents to search for the item. You may also wish to rummage around through our growing collection of 'lost property'.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Jigsaw theme for this half term is 'Healthy Me', where we will think about different ways to keep ourselves healthy and safe. We will be starting with the importance of exercise. If your child takes part in an out of school sports clubs and receives any medals, certificates or awards, please send them in to be shared, discussed, and celebrated within our weekly Jigsaw sessions.'

AND FINALLY....

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day.

Monday 16th March - Reception visit to Henfield library.

Tuesday 17th March/Thursday 26th March - Parent/Carer consultation evenings.

Thursday 26th March - Easter service at St Peter's Church

Friday 27th March - INSET day (school closed)

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!