



Summer 1 2026

Reception News

THEME FOR THE TERM

As you will have seen from the project planner our new topic for the Summer term asks the question 'Where do I live?' We enjoyed going out and about to explore Henfield this week and will then be widening our knowledge thinking about some other countries around the world.



LITERACY

We will be concentrating on our sentence writing this term, writing lots of facts over the coming weeks about Henfield and then other countries too.

Phonics work continues with ReadWriteInc as we encourage the children to 'blend' and 'segment' sounds to enable them to read and write words and introduce additional ways to make sounds.

Our weekly 'Penpals' handwriting work will continue with the one armed robot letters and then move on to 'curly caterpillar letters' as outlined in the information sheet we sent to you last term.

READING

We continue working on key words with our 'Word Wallets' and please continue to practise all the words you have had so far. Another set will be coming home soon! From this term the book sent home on a Friday will be a book to enjoy and share together - please see information about this in the front of the blue record book.



Do encourage the children to read words they know in these books but there may also be some words that they cannot read independently. Please bring the blue book and the book to share back on Thursday. Please ensure your child is reading their school books to you now as well as sharing stories with them and remember to date, sign and if necessary, write a short comment in the reading diary - the children are very keen on moving up the 'Reading Rocket'! The ReadWriteInc wallet will continue to come home on Wednesday and should be returned on the following Monday with the aim that this is read at least three times to help the children become more fluent and independent.

PERSONAL SOCIAL EDUCATION

We finished our learning about the 'Healthy Me' theme last term and this half term we now move on to our 'Relationships' theme as the focus for our weekly Jigsaw sessions. We will start by focusing on our families and then we will think about our friendships.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

As part of our topic, we will be looking at the work of LS Lowry and painting our own pictures of Henfield buildings. We will also create our own ponds after looking the famous painting by Monet.





The children continue to enjoy the art and craft room to freely create collages and models from their own imagination. Many thanks for keeping us supplied with assorted recyclable materials! We are also in need of any paper we can use for drawing and colouring in the writing corner - donations are always welcome.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We have started by thinking about the village of Henfield and talking about the features it has. Thank you for all the helpers that came with us on our walk. Next we will be looking at and making maps in both 2d and 3d too. We are then going to learn about the wider world and will be meeting some new 'friends' who will tell us about where they live.

In R.E we will be thinking about Christian Baptism. As part of this, we would like to look at Baptism photographs and artefacts. If your child has been christened or has attended the Christening of a family member or friend, we would be grateful if they could bring any photographs, clothing, gifts or other memorabilia to show the class in the last week before half term. We will also be having a 'mock baptism' (one of our dolls!) at church. Please look out for further details nearer the time.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Our P.E sessions continue to take place on Friday afternoons. We will be completing our gym sessions in the first few weeks and then be developing a variety of basic games skills. This will take place outside on the playground or school field. Please ensure that your child has a clearly named P.E kit and plimsolls every week. Outdoor play will take place as usual as part of the daily timetable. Though the days are becoming warmer, it is important that children bring a coat both for playtimes and sessions in our outdoor learning environment. Wellies and a waterproof will enable them to partake in some fresh air whatever the weather. You may wish to check that plimsolls and wellies still fit!

HOME LEARNING

We will continue to send homework every Friday to be completed by the next week. This will be a sheet in the homework book or via Seesaw on alternate weeks.

AND FINALLY....

...as the weather hopefully becomes warmer, please remember to protect your child by applying sun cream before school. A spare bottle or tube of cream, clearly named, may be given to your child's teacher, to keep at school, so that we can re-apply it during the day. A hat (also clearly named!) for outdoor play will be necessary this term. As always it is also very important that they bring their named drink bottle, containing water only, every day.

... don't forget to visit our puzzle and games lending library. If you would like to borrow something to use at home, they are available in the classroom after school on Tuesdays. Please do pop in and choose one to play with your child. Please also remember to sign out the puzzle/game in the book on the table, and to cross out your entry when you return it.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!