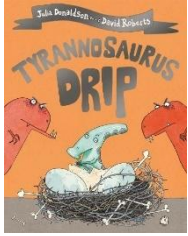




Reception News

SUMMER 2, June 2026

WHAT'S HATCHING?



It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of an exciting year in Reception! Our final topic of the year will be about Dinosaurs, starting with some very cute and fluffy modern-day descendants of dinosaurs. It's time for one last adventure in the Bee class! Please remember to send your child with a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle now that the weather is warmer.



PSED

Jigsaw is part of our PSED curriculum. This half-term, the theme is *Changing Me*. We will be thinking about our bodies and learning some names of body parts. We will think about how we have changed since we were babies and what we are looking forward to about growing up. We will get ready for our move up to Year 1.



TOPIC

In our UW learning, we will be learning that different animals hatch from eggs. We have been counting down the days until our duckling eggs arrive! We will learn about dinosaurs and be visited by 'Professor Norris' for a dino discovery session. We will learn about the importance of taking care of our teeth. In RE, we will learn about special places, including places of worship.



LITERACY

In Phonics, we will be learning the Set 1 and Set 2 special friends (two or more letters that make one sound), and learning how to read and write these in words. We are learning how to write longer words. We are writing phrases and short sentences. Most children will come home with a 'Ditty' reading sheet or a story book to practise at home. Please make sure your child reads regularly and don't forget to sign or initial their Rainbow reading card! We will focus on growing stories. Our Traditional tales will be Jack & the Beanstalk and The Enormous Turnip. Through the story of Jack and the Beanstalk we will learn about giant landmarks in our world and explore words that mean 'big'.

MATHS

In Maths, we will be learning about sharing and grouping, halving and doubling. We will continue to learn number facts, including addition and subtraction facts to 5 and number bonds to 10. We will apply what we have learnt this year to challenges.



KEY QUESTIONS

- What hatches out of eggs?
- What do ducklings need to grow?
- Where have the dinosaurs gone?
- What did dinosaurs eat?
- What are fossils?



What can you do to support your child's learning at home?

- Have family time and talk about your experiences. Children learn so much through talk and it helps them to make sense of their experiences.
- Enjoy story books together. Read regularly to your child and talk about what happened in the story. These are vital pre-reading experiences.
- Once your child does start to bring home books they can read themselves, make sure they read them regularly at home.
- Spot numbers and letters in the environment and point them out. Notice the numerals that make your house number, the number on the bus, look for letters from their name in the road name signs etc
- Count things, such as: counting the stairs on the way to up bed, counting out the cups onto the table etc.
- Climb, run, jump and balance at the park and in other fun ways. This will strengthen core body muscles.
- Play with playdough, use water to paint the fence or wall, use a spray bottle to squirt water on plants. Activities like this strengthen hand wrist muscles ready for mark-making.
- Share stories together at home to help children develop pre-reading skills and a love of books.
- **Follow the class on ClassDojo for videos to support our phonics learning, and other challenges you can do at home.**

Which staff are in the Reception?

- Mrs Norris, Reception (Bees) class teacher
- Mrs Dale/Mrs Watson support staff
- Mrs Sian (Monday afternoon cover)



REMINDERS

PE is on Thursdays.

Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit, including suitable footwear such as trainers in case we are outside.

(Plain T-shirt, plain joggers or shorts and school cardigan/jumper).

Reading

For those now on reading books or sheets, please read regularly at home.

Check out the phonics videos on ClassDojo; don't forget to **sign the rainbow reading card** if your child reads, practises their sound cards or watches a phonics video. Please bring bookbags to school every day.

Other key information and key dates for your diary:

-Come & Read: Every Tuesday afternoon

You are invited to come and share a book with your child at 3:05pm.

Paddling Pool Treat Day:

Our annual Reception paddling pool treat day will be at the end of term. It is likely to be in Week 7 but we will confirm closer to the time.

Contacting the Reception team

- We are at the classroom door at pick up times and are always happy to say hello or have a quick chat. Please keep messages at the start of the day brief because we now start phonics at 9am.
- Call the office to pass on a message or ask for a call back. 0115 9152953
- Follow us on the Class Dojo app, and keep an eye on the website for up-to-date information and key messages.

