



Wood End Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Reception | Spring Term 2 | 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you've had a restful half term! Our topic for this half term is 'Come Outside' where we will focus on exploring the outside world. We have a lot of exciting learning opportunities planned for the children including celebrating Chinese New Year and world book day and also enjoy pancake day. We also have an exciting visit planned to our school from 'Mad4Animals' which will show us minibeasts and explore their habitats.

Please remember to read with your child every night, and to complete their weekly homework. Both of these activities really help to consolidate the learning that your child is taking part in in school each day. Thank you again for your support so far this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

EYFS Team

Some of the stories we will be reading this half term...



Maths



We will be looking at number bonds to 10, and also exploring the concept of subtraction.

We will also be looking at the concept of measure through height, length and weight.



Physical development

In our PE lessons, we will be developing our dynamic balance by remaining still and stable while performing movements or actions.



This will be done through a series of songs and games, and will also develop the children's ability to play with others and share.

Communication and Language

We will be engaging in lots of new stories and learning the vocabulary in them.



We will also continue to work on our conversation skills, practising back and forth conversations with our friends and the adults within the classroom.

Phonics

As we progress even further with our phonics programme we will be learning lots more digraphs, such as 'ai' as in rain and 'oo' as in boot. We will be using these new sounds to help us read and write longer words. In our phonics lessons we will also learn new 'red' words. Please practise these every week for homework.

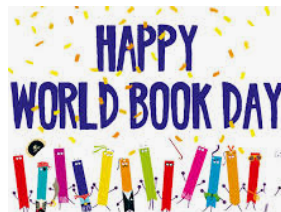


Understanding the World

We will focus on nature, animals and plants. We will explore books that talk about the world outside and what we can find in nature.



We will also be marking some celebrations such as Pancake Day, Chinese New Year and World Book Day.



Literacy

We will be using our phonics to read and write simple sentences. We will be saying our sentences out loud and counting the words before writing the individual words.



We will also focus on spelling words by listening very carefully to the words we are saying.

PSED

We are going to focus on working cooperatively and as part of a team. This includes being able to deal with minor disagreements with our peers.

We will be using our listening skills to follow instructions that contain several parts.



EAD

As part of our learning, we will continue to explore and learn new songs and music.

We will be showing our creativity by using a range of materials and mediums to create pictures and junk modelling in our art area.

