



Wood End Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Reception | Summer Term 1 | 2026

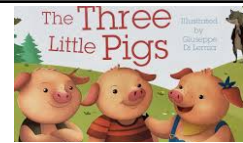
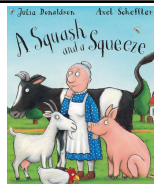
Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy Easter and a warm welcome back to Reception! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful break and are ready for the action packed term ahead of us! Our focus for this half term is Homes and Habitats. Animals live in many different places called **habitats**, like the chilly Arctic, deep blue oceans, or tall leafy trees. These special homes provide everything they need to stay safe, find food, and grow big and strong!

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 talk speak to your class teacher.

EYFS Team

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



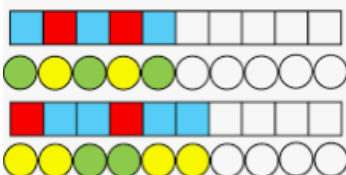
Maths

This half-term, our budding mathematicians are diving into the world of numbers to 20, building their confidence in recognizing and forming these larger numerals.

1 One	2 Two	3 Three	4 Four
5 Five	6 Six	7 Seven	8 Eight
9 Nine	10 Ten	11 Eleven	12 Twelve
13 Thirteen	14 Fourteen	15 Fifteen	16 Sixteen
17 Seventeen	18 Eighteen	19 Nineteen	20 Twenty

Through hands-on play, we are mastering the skills of counting on and counting back to solve simple problems, which helps us understand how numbers change.

We are also being "number detectives" by exploring patterns in our environment and starting to experiment with subtraction—using concrete objects to see what happens when we "take away" to find a new total.



Physical development

In this unit, our young athletes are becoming masters of movement as they develop their ball skills through exciting games of rolling, throwing, and catching.

We are also exploring the magic of counter balance, learning how to work with a partner to create steady, mirrored shapes by leaning and pulling together.

Every lesson comes to life through thematic stories and songs, making it easy for children to build their coordination and teamwork while having a total blast!



Coordination
Ball Skills



Counter Balance
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Clown



Seaside

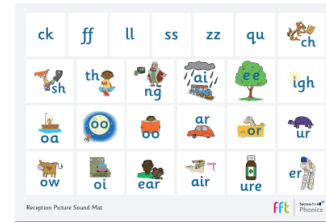
Communication and Language

Through partner talk, the children are learning to take turns and share their "big ideas" with a friend, building the confidence to express themselves clearly. These lively group discussions help us explore new vocabulary and ask "why" and "how" questions, turning every book we read into a collaborative adventure in talking and listening.



Phonics

We will continue our work in phonics learning new sounds. We will be using our new digraphs and trigraphs in our reading and writing. Encourage your children to show you their new sound each week.



Understanding the World

Our little explorers are becoming history detectives as they learn to understand the past by meeting brave characters and exploring old-fashioned settings in our favorite storybooks.

Back in the present, we are busy exploring the natural world, spending time outdoors to observe local wildlife and draw detailed pictures of the plants we find.

We are also curious scientists, investigating changes in the seasons and discovering how things change state—like watching ice melt into water right before our eyes!



Literacy

We will be using our phonics knowledge to read new words, blend and segment sounds, spell words when we are writing and create sentences using our own imagination. Remind your child to stretch their word if they are unsure of the sounds.



PSED

This half-term we will focus on our emotions and others emotions. We will practise kindness in our everyday lives.

We will also practise resilience and confidence in learning new skills.



EAD

Through activities such as drawing, painting, music, and role play, children explore their imagination, build confidence, and develop fine motor skills.

By incorporating EAD into our weekly lessons, we help children develop a well-rounded foundation for learning and emotional well-being.

