



Reception Curriculum Newsletter- Summer 2 2025.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good half term. Welcome back to the last half term in Reception.

Now that the weather is getting a bit warmer (and hopefully drier), please ensure your child has a named water bottle and a sun hat.

This term we will be talking lots about moving into Year 1 and having plenty of opportunities to ease the transition. We are also looking forward to our trip to Aldenham Country Park. Further information will follow. Our topics this term will be pirates and superheroes. Topics and key texts may change as the term goes on as we endeavour to follow the children's interests.

Best wishes,

Miss Bogush, Miss Yong, Mrs Bannon, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Liebmann, Miss Tustain and Mrs Harvey.

Reminders

PE lessons:

Tuesday and Thursday for Oak Reception

Thursday and Friday for Ash Reception

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on this day and that it is named. Please ensure long hair is tied back.



Library – Your child will bring home a library book every Wednesday. Please return each week so that they can select a new one.



Follow us on Twitter (@HighwoodSchool) where we will be sharing the excellent learning that happens at Highwood.

Communication and Language

We will be reading lots of stories and learning new vocabulary associated with pirates and superheroes.

We will be listening to lots of different stories and re-telling them in our own way.



Physical Development

During our PE lessons we will be learning lots of different ball skills.

We will be spending more time on the field where we will be practising events for Sport's Day.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In Reception we will be continuing to develop friendships within our class and will be talking about the Highwood Golden Rules. We will be building on our previous learning and practising our skills in turn taking and sharing ideas.

Jigsaw Jenie will be helping with the move to Year 1 and supporting the children to understand and manage changes around them.



Home Learning

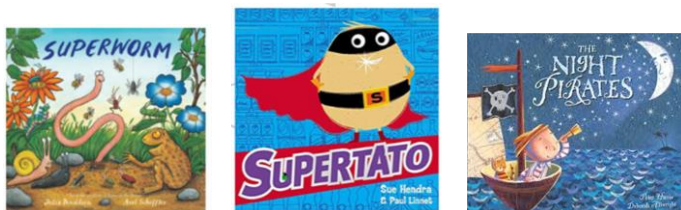
Please see the home-learning grid for some fun activities you can do at home with your child to consolidate their learning.

Take some time to look at your child's library book together. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures.

Home learning is due in on a Tuesday and will be handed back on a Thursday.

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on the topics of pirates and superheroes. We will be using lots of story language and new vocabulary. Here are some of the books we will cover:



We are developing the children's skills to write simple sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops as well as practising correct letter formation in our phonics lessons.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be learning to count beyond 20 and looking closer at patterns within the number system, such as doubling.

We will be doing lots of consolidation of what we have already learnt, in order to have a secure knowledge of numbers and the number system. We will also be learning how to form numerals correctly.



Understanding the World

Now that the weather is changing we will start to look at the season of summer and observe the changes. We will be spending a lot of time out in the garden looking at the seeds we have planted and watching them grow.



We will be looking at how we use some of our ICT equipment and what we use it for. We will be discussing what devices we use to take photos and will take some photos of our own.



During our topic of pirates we will be looking at lots of different maps and having a go at drawing some of our own simple maps.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be thinking about what we can create with recycled objects to see what they can be turned into. We will be thinking carefully about what we would need to use and how it can be joined together. We might be using some of these creations to create characters and props from stories.



We will also be learning a wide range of new songs and rhymes associated with our topics of pirates and superheroes.



Request for donations

We constantly strive to improve our outdoor learning environment to make it more engaging and exciting for our children. We would be grateful for donations of any of the following that you may have and no longer need:

- Pirate/superhero themed toys
- Old flour, salt, cream of tartare and food colouring that we can use to make play dough
- Junk modelling

While being voluntary the Early Years Fund is very much appreciated. From it we buy lots of little extras such as ingredients for making play dough and cooking activities. It is £7.00 each term. Payments can be made electronically through the School Gateway. If you need help with setting up this app, please speak to somebody in the office.

