



Reception Curriculum Newsletter- Summer 1 2026.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good break.

Topics and key texts may change as the term goes on as we endeavour to follow the children’s interests but the skills and knowledge we teach them will be the same. Our topic this term is growing.

Please could we ask, that you are reading with your child at least twice a week and that it is recorded in their reading journal. Some children will be coming home with a reading book in a small plastic wallet. If your child does, please keep the book in the small plastic wallet and place this in their big plastic folder. This supports the adults in making changing books quicker. Please see image below.

Please continue to clearly name all items (including clothing and shoes). We are finding lots of unnamed lost property each day.

Please can you ensure in your child’s bag they have a complete change of spare clothes (including pants and socks). We are finding lots of children are getting muddy and wet and we are running very low on spare clothes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,



Reminders

PE lessons are on a Tuesday for Oak and Friday for Ash.

Forest school is on a Monday for Oak and Tuesday for Ash.

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 –Please return each week so that they can select a new one. Oak is Wednesday and Ash is Thursday.

Communication and Language

We will be reading many stories and learning new vocabulary associated with growing and life-cycles.

We will also be introducing new vocabulary around key themes.

We will continue with book making using imagination and phonics to write simple sentences.



Physical Development

During our PE lessons and Forest School, we will be learning about team games. We will be learning lots of new games and learning to follow the rules.

We will practice fundamental movement skills throughout the games taught including jumping, skipping etc.

We will continue to develop fine motor skills through daily busy finger sessions and regular handwriting sessions throughout the week.

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 Tuesday and will be handed back on a Thursday.

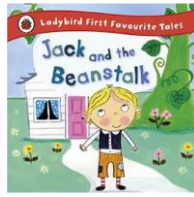
Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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 us to talk about relationships. We will be speaking about who is important to us and how we can solve conflicts.

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on stories about growing and lifecycles. We will be using lots of story language and new vocabulary. Here are some of the books we may cover:



We will continue making books as part of the writing scheme about various topics and themes. We will be sharing these with an audience.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be looking at numbers from 5-10. We will be exploring the composition of these numbers, the different parts added together to make the numbers.

We will be looking at patterns within the number system, such as odd and even numbers.



Understanding the World

Within our topic of Growing and Lifecycles, we will be learning facts about how a plant grows. We will be observing the lifecycle of a frog.

We will also be observing seasonal changes as the weather gets warmer and identifying signs of spring. We will be comparing how the seasons have changed.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be looking at and learning about Henri Matisse's painting called 'Fleurs de Neige'. We will be recreating the piece using a collage technique. We will be discussing the colours and shapes used.

We will continue to practice using scissors and carefully cutting along curved edges to recreate the piece.



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:

- Seeds, soil, plant pots and any gardening tools
- Food colouring
- Cardboard tubes from kitchen roll or wrapping paper (not toilet rolls)
- Arts and craft bits and bobs
- Spare school uniform including socks and tights

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.

