



Welcome Back to Spring 2 - 2026



It is so hard to believe that your children are already half way through Reception.

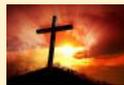
We are looking forward to a wonderful and busy term ahead. Here is an overview of what the children will be learning over the coming weeks

Religious Education - Salvation (Easter)

This term, we will be learning about Salvation and why Easter is an important celebration for Christians. The children will explore why some Christians place a cross in an Easter garden and what Easter means to them. We will listen to the Easter story from the Bible and begin to retell it in simple ways through discussion and play.



The children will learn key vocabulary such as Easter,



cross, tomb, resurrection and symbol. They will also explore and recreate the Easter story in our tough tray and talk about how people show love, kindness and helpfulness today.

Understanding the World - Forces and Magnets



In our science based learning, we will explore pushes and pulls and begin to understand what forces are. Through a ball rolling experiment and other practical investigations, the children will discover what happens when they push and pull objects. We will learn that a push moves something away and a pull brings something closer. The children will investigate magnets by testing different objects to see if they are magnetic or not, learning the words attract and repel. We will carry out simple investigations to explore how forces work and talk about why they are important in our everyday lives.

Communication, Language and Literacy



This half term our learning is centred around the theme of journeys and adventures, brought to life through stories such as *The Train Ride*, *Mr Gumpy's Outing*, *Down by the Station*, *On the Way Home* and *Lost and Found*. Each of these books offers children a different kind of journey to explore – from travelling by train and spotting the world whizzing by, to joining Mr Gumpy on his eventful boat trip, watching busy stations come to life, sharing imaginative tales of a walk home, and following a brave boy and a penguin on their voyage across the sea. Through these stories, your children will develop lots of rich vocabulary, practise retelling events, and engage in conversations about places, transport, characters and emotions. The shared theme helps them make connections between texts, deepen their understanding of narrative, and build confidence in expressing their own ideas and experiences linked to travel and adventure.

Expressive Arts and Design
(Creative Development)

The children will respond creatively to our themes through art, construction, role play and small world activities.



They will design and build Easter gardens, explore movement through creative play and use a range of materials to represent their ideas and learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional
Development - Keeping Safe

This term, we will explore how adults help to keep us safe and how we can keep ourselves safe in different environments. The children will learn that "D is for Danger," particularly when using online devices. We will talk about possible dangers at home, outside (such as fire and fireworks), in school and on the playground. The children will also learn about road safety and how to stay safe in our local area. Our focus will be on helping children recognise risks and know who they can talk to if they feel worried or unsafe.

Physical Development

We will be focusing on mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. The children will learn how to track and receive a ball, throw underarm, catch an object independently and work with a partner to throw and catch. They will also practise bouncing a ball on the spot and begin to combine throwing, catching and bouncing skills with increasing control and confidence.

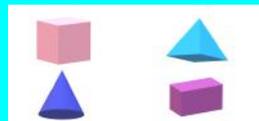


Remember, PE Kit days are Tuesday (swimming kit too) and Thursday.

Mathematics

We will learn about numbers 9 and 10 through a range of engaging and hands-on activities that make maths fun and meaningful. We will play interactive games like bingo and dominoes and the children will be encouraged to subitise and represent numbers using objects, pictures, and number lines.

We will then explore 3D shapes through hands-on experience, we will look at cubes, spheres, cones, and cylinders, using real objects to feel edges, faces, and vertices.



We are excited for the term ahead and look forward to seeing the children develop new skills, confidence and curiosity as they explore these topics together.

Thank you for your continued support!