

Reception Newsletter

What a Wonderful World

Summer 2 2026

This half term our topic is **What a Wonderful World**.

We will be looking at many different books related to the topic, such as:

- ◆ The Boy who Sailed the World
- ◆ The Big Book of Blue
- ◆ The Ocean Gardener
- ◆ Poles Apart
- ◆ Slow Down Monkey
- ◆ Handa's Surprise
- ◆ Meerkat Mail
- ◆ Meet the Planets
- ◆ Hello Summer
- ◆ The Sun Thief



We will become explorers this term and travel around the world. We will talk about the life where we live and compare to life in other countries. We will do this through sharing different stories from around the world. We will discuss the similarities and differences between animals, homes, environment, weather, food and cultures. We will learn ways to help look after our environment.

We will build on our prior learning about the seasons and the changes over the year by looking at summer.

Through our topic and the books that we will share, the children will have the opportunity to discuss the key events, make predictions and retell the stories. We will use our learning to make information books about the different countries, write fact files about animals and write our own versions of the stories. The children will continue with daily phonics sessions and use this knowledge to write longer sentences that they can read back themselves. We will continue to look at the importance of a capital letters and full stops in their writing.

In maths, we will look at and create maps. We will learn how to group and share amounts. Through a range of number games, both indoors and outdoors, children will have the opportunity to consolidate their skills such as subitising, counting and number recognition. They will continue to add and subtract groups of objects.



Dates for your diary

- 4.6.26 Summer Disco
- 5.6.26 Fun Run
- 12.6.26 Non-uniform day
- 23.6.26 Tough Runner
- 26.6.26 Inset day
- 30.6.26 Sports day
- 1.7.26 & 2.7.26 Transition Morning
- 9.7.26 Summer Fair
- 23.7.26 Break up for summer

How you can help

- Encourage your child to develop an understanding about people from different countries and respect their differences. Help them to know how we can help save the environment. Share non-fiction books and discuss interesting facts they may discover.
- Can they subitise groups of objects within your house? Which group has the least/ most? Can they add 2 groups together? What happens when you take 1 away? Can they share the objects?

Useful websites:

Numberblocks on cbeebies <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Alphablocks on cbeebies www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks