

Reception Newsletter (Spring)

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a restful holiday and are ready for some hard work!

Spring Term Themes

This term we are learning about the artist Barbara Hepworth and creating our own sculptures. We will be exploring where we live and the weather in England and comparing it to different countries and their weather. We will be discussing important figures such as kings and queens and also celebrating lots of different cultures and religions such as Chinese New Year, Easter, Eid.

We will be reading lots of stories such as:

- The Snowman
- Handa's Surprise
- Here we are
- The Queens Hat
- The Great Race
- The Easter Story

In Phonics we will be focusing on rehearsing Phase 2 phonemes and begin to teach phase 3 phonemes. We will be segmenting and blending to read and write simple and complex sentences. There will also be more emphasis on using terminology, such as, digraphs, graphemes, phonemes and trigraphs.

Handwriting is still a massive priority this term so children will be having daily handwriting sessions.

In Numeracy we will focus on addition, subtraction, doubling, odd and even numbers. We will continue to look at patterns, length and shapes.

Reading Books

Reading bags need to be brought to school every day to ensure your child can read with an adult throughout the week. Parents need to read with their child at least once a week and leave a comment in their reading diary so that their book can be changed. Just a reminder if a school reading book is lost then there will be a charge. Thank you for your support with this.

Parents Evening

Reception parents evening will be on **Thursday 12th February 2026**. You will be able to discuss your child's progress and any targets they might have.

P.E Lessons

P.E lessons are every Monday. To be able to take part in the lessons your child will need to come to school wearing the correct kit; a Greenholm t-shirt, black shorts or leggings, socks and black school pumps.

Additionally, just a reminder, if your child has an accident and they borrow spare school uniform, could you please wash and return it as soon as possible.

Healthy snack

Children need to bring a piece of **fruit or vegetable** to school for their morning snack. Children should not bring, crisps, biscuits or chocolate. We are also a no nut school so please **no nuts**. Please also provide your child with a water bottle.

School Day

Please drop off and pick up your child promptly to avoid any disruption. The gate will open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am. The register is done at **9.00am**, any child who comes in after that time will be marked as late. Additionally, home time is at 3.10pm.

If you have any concerns or require additional information about your child during these times please speak to the members of staff that are on the gate in the morning who can pass on a message. Alternatively, you can Dojo the class teachers Monday- Friday between 8am and 6pm.

Key Dates

RLR Bedtime stories 4.15-4.45 - Monday 19th January

RY Bedtime stories 4.15-4.45 - Wednesday 21st January

RK Bedtime stories 4.15-4.45 - Thursday 22nd January

Parents Evening- Thursday 12th February

Kings and Queens Day - Friday 13th February

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

RY Mother's Day afternoon 2pm- Tuesday 10th March

RK Mother's Day afternoon 2pm- Wednesday 11th March

RLR Mother's Day afternoon 2pm- Thursday 12th March

Eid Celebrations - Thursday 19th March TBC

Easter Hat parade- Thursday 26th March

Many thanks for your help and support,

The Reception Team

Miss Lea-Redmond, Miss Kay, Miss Yeomans, Mrs Hussain, Mrs McGowan, Mrs Minchin