



Reception



April 2025

Summer Term in Reception

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from Easter Holiday, we all hope you had a lovely break. It has been so lovely seeing all the children back in school. We've heard all about the lovely things they have been up too.



P.E.

Your children should have their **named** P.E. kit in school **every day** hanging on their peg. We will send it home occasionally for washing but it does need to be in school **every day**. Carle Class have P.E. on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Mckee Class have P.E. on **Monday** and **Thursday**. During the summer months we can use the field for PE so sometimes our PE days will change.

Please ensure that any earrings are removed on these days and long hair is tied up. It is useful to think about what your child is wearing on P.E. days too. Can they put on their own tights or would socks be a better option on those days? This helps the children to feel confident and independent. Please make sure all uniform is named, even shoes. If your child is wearing tights, please ensure they have a pair of socks in their PE bag.

Topic

During the first part of the Summer Term, we will be looking at 'Minibeast' and we will be starting this off by going on a minibeast hunt down in 'Bug's Bottom'. We want to find out where minibeasts live and the habitats they have. We will also be taking part in Moulton's Flower Festival in All Saint's Church. We are very excited to say that an incubator will be arriving into Carle Class this week. We will be placing six eggs into the incubator. We will be counting down from 21 to when we hope the eggs will hatch into baby chicks. On day 10 we will candle the eggs to see if we can see sign of life inside. I am sure the children will keep you posted but we will also put photographs on the School Blog too. We will hopefully be looking after chicks, from observing them hatch, to holding a one day old chick to be cleaning them out and checking their food and water daily.

Carle Class Assembly will be taking place on Friday 2nd May 2025 at 2:30pm.

Mckee Class Assembly will be taking place on Friday 4th July 2025 at 2:30pm.

During the second part of the Summer Term we will also be looking at the topic 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!' This will involve us packing suitcases to go on holiday, writing postcards, going on a hunt to find signs of summer, creating boats and finding out about the seaside and what can be found under the sea. To keep this half term oozing with excitement we have the Science Dome visiting. The visit will consist of dinosaurs and under the sea workshops for the children to take part in. We have Schools Game Week commencing on Monday 16th June where the children will experience a new activity each day.

Sports Day is on Friday 13th June 2025.



Reading Books

Reading is a central part of your child's learning across the whole curriculum. Your child should be reading regularly at home with you, every day. Their home reading book must be brought back into school every **Wednesday** so that both books can be changed. Your child's interest book (provided by school) must be brought back into school every **Thursday** so that both books can be changed. Please complete your child's reading record with comments about your child reading their reading book. With only changing the home reading book

once a week, we expect your child to read their book more than once to develop accuracy and fluency. As well as reading school books, you could also choose from a range of reading materials such as poetry, instructions, comics and magazines etc. It is important to make reading a fun, enjoyable activity. We want children to develop a genuine love of reading. Children will continue to bring the reading books home without any words until they're ready to bring a word book home. All children develop at different rates and we're supporting your children to read words through blending. The sounds in their purple folders are key to this progression so if your child isn't yet receiving a book with words keep working through their purple folder.

Purple Folders

As we teach your child a new sound, they will be put into a purple folder and sent home to be practiced. If your child is now bringing a reading book home with words, they will also be bringing home a spelling sheet. Your child will be tested on the given words every Monday and their spelling sheet will be placed in their purple folder so you can see how they got on in school.

Please ensure that their purple folder is in their book bag **every day**.

Your child will also bring home pieces of homework home in their purple folders. These might be topic based, fine motor or phonic based. The most important thing is that your child enjoys doing it.

High Frequency Words (HFW)

High Frequency Words are used all the time. We will be sending your child home with a little red book this week containing the HFW that we're working on in class. Your child needs to be able to read these words instantly without having to sound them out. This is to support them to be able to read with fluency when they get to that point in their learning. In class we spend so much time on blending that the children want to use this strategy and they can't 'Fred a red word', so some words just have to be learnt. This is why the English language is so hard.

In Summer Term 2 we will be sending home the HFW that we started with in January again but this time we will be asking the children to read them and spell them. The words will be written at the back of their HFW book so you can see how they have got on.

Speaking and Listening

Speaking and listening is a vital aspect of all children's education and therefore we wanted to provide more opportunities for the children to develop this skill. On a Monday, the children can bring in any suitable object or item they wish for their speaking and listening sessions, but this is not a requirement. Speaking and listening will happen over the course of a week, so please be aware that any item brought into school may not be returned before Friday.

To support your child with some ideas of what they would like to discuss, please see the themes below:

Week commencing 28.04.25 – What could I plant?

Week commencing 05.05.25 – My favourite minibeast

Week commencing 12.05.25 – My favourite traditional tale is?

Week commencing 19.05.25 – The great outdoors

Week commencing 02.06.25 – Can I find a poem about under the sea? Maybe a sea song? Or a sea shanty?

Week commencing 09.06.25 – What do you know about Moulton?

Week commencing 16.06.25 – My favourite sports person

Week commencing 23.06.25 – Recognise signs of Summer

Week commencing 30.06.25 – Dinosaurs

Week commencing 07.07.25 – Under the sea artwork

Week commencing 14.07.25 – My favourite memories of reception

Coats, Wellies, Sunscreen and Hats

Hopefully the weather will start to warm up, please make sure your child has a hat in school and named sun cream that will be kept in their tray in the classroom for them to apply when necessary. As part of the Early Years Curriculum, children in Reception have constant access to outside activities. It is therefore essential that your child has their coat in school every day. We go out in all weathers and sometimes for sustained periods of time.

Keeping us informed

You must inform us if your child is going to be collected by someone else. A note in the morning put into their bookbag, or if it is a late decision, a phone call to the office would be great. We will not be able to let your child go home with anyone else unless you have told us. If you know the arrangements for the week, write a note on Monday and then we will pin it up and be able to refer to it for the week. If they will always be collected by a grandparent for example on a Monday let us know and we can write it on our board.

Uniform

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. The children have their own drawers in the classroom to put their jumpers and cardigans in, and we encourage them to look after their possessions.

Familiar Faces

If you have any queries or wish to speak to us, we are more than willing discuss them with you, so please contact the office to make an appointment, or speak to us in the playground at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to getting to know you and your child(ren) better.

Kind regards,

Mrs Worth and the EYFS Team