

Curriculum Overview Summer Term 2024

'The roots to grow, the wings to fly.

All within the love of God.'

English

This term we will be continuing to develop our reading and writing skills through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topics, which will be Growing and Farming in the first half of term and Pirates on the Seven Seas in the second half of term. We will be embedding our writing skills and becoming more independent in our writing, getting ready for Year one!

Reading/ Phonics

This term is all about consolidation – embedding and securing our set 2 and set 3 sounds and looking at chunking longer and more complex words. This is our opportunity to prepare a solid foundation in order to excel in Year one.

Please continue your daily reading routine with your child, helping them to become more fluent when reading their phonics book. (They should be reading fluently (not decoding each word) before moving on to the next book!)

Maths

The children will consolidate their counting skills, counting to larger numbers and developing a wider range of counting strategies. They will secure their knowledge of number facts.

Please practise counting beyond ten at home, being sure to help with the tricky 'teen' (19) and 'tee' (90) numbers.

Forest Schools/The Natural World

We will update you as soon as possible regarding the plan for our Forest School Provision.

Trip to South Huish Farm! - The wonderful Darke family have invited us to spend the day on their farm this term!
Monday 22nd April

East Soar Farm trip will be taking place on **Wednesday 1st May**.

Trip to Salcombe Maritime Museum and South Sands Beach! As part of our Pirates unit we will be visiting Salcombe to explore its History - we will also be getting a lift on the South Sands ferry! (date tbc)

We will require some adult helpers for these trips. Please let the office know if you are available.

Foundation topics (Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design)

This term will kick off with our Growing/Farming unit where we will learn all about growing plants and vegetables. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of growing our own plants, including beans, sunflowers and some vegetables.

During the second half of term, we will be exploring the topic of "Pirates on the Seven Seas"! This will provide the opportunity to learn all about the world's oceans and to create some pirate hats, swords, boats and treasure maps. We will be having a 'Pirate Day' – a non-uniform day where children can dress as their best swashbuckling pirate!

PE/Physical Development

This term on a Tuesday, Achieve 4 All will be focusing on developing skills in athletics, including throwing and catching, hitting a ball, jumping and running. Children will be getting changed from their PE kit into their school uniform on a Tuesday to make sure they are ready for Year One.

PSHE/Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be strengthening the progress made last term in our self-regulation skills looking at the importance of sharing thoughts and feelings in a productive and effective way, continuing our positive affirmations and mindful moments. The purpose of this is to support your child in developing a growth mindset and the ability to embrace challenges.

Home learning

Home learning is an incredibly important part of your child's educational journey and can make all the difference to their success throughout school. This term the children will receive letter formation booklets to practise lower-case letter formation fluency and they will have their weekly phonics book. It is vital that you listen to your child read every day. This will be invaluable in their reading development, help them to build fluency and will support them significantly in their reading development.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are excited to be starting our final term together!

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Reception this term. Mrs Tann is supporting us to achieve our best in Class One this term. Please come and have a chat with me at drop off and pick up if you have any concerns or questions, additionally, a message in your child's reading record will be read daily if this is more convenient.

A few key expectations to remember:

- Reading Records will be checked daily to see what reading your child has been doing at home. Please can I remind you that you should be listening to your child read every day.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle and sun cream in school this term (During hot days you can provide a named sunhat for them to wear).
- We are a school which promotes a healthy and balanced diet. Please ensure that lunchboxes reflect this and that they contain at least one item of fresh fruit or vegetables.
- PE lessons are on Tuesdays, please can you send your child to school in their school uniform and their PE kit in a bag.

Key dates and events for Class 1

Monday 22nd April – Farm visit

Wednesday 1st May – East Soar visit

Friday 24th May Half-Term

Monday 3rd June - Return to school

Thursday 20th June - Sports Day – NEW DATE

Tuesday 9th July - Bantham Beach Day

Friday 19th July - LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

We are always pleased to welcome you into school if you have concerns about your child's educational or social development or if you would like to volunteer your talents!

Thank you so much for your support this year, let's finish off on a high!

Mrs Nixon
Reception Team