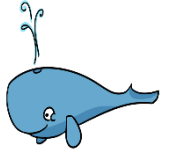




Reception News



A newsletter for Blue and Gray Whale Class Parents
Summer Term 2026

Please read through the end of year expectations on the right hand side for Literacy and Maths. This is what the children are working towards, but please remember every child is an individual and some may continue to work on these targets in year 1.

Transition to Year 1

We will be preparing the children for a smooth transition into Year 1 and visiting our new classes and teachers when they have been decided.

A reminder that PE now takes place on a Wednesday and Forest School will take place on a Thursday.

Red Words

Your children will be coming across these red words which cannot be sounded out, please take the time to practice these spellings with your child at home!

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End of Year Expectations

Comprehension

Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.

Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.

Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.

Word Reading

Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.

Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.

Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.

Writing

Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.

Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.

Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

Number

Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5.

Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

Numerical Patterns

Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.

Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity.

Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

Sports Day

All children will be taking part in Sports Day on Tuesday 7th July. Reception children take part in the morning only.

This half term our learning will focus on our topic *Great Growing*. After the May half-term break, we'll be moving on to our next exciting theme: *Super Seas to Spectacular Space*.

Nearer the end of term we will arrange a day for you to come and join us for our class celebration.

The children will be making invitations, decorations and party food.

Date TBC

Farm Trip

We will be visiting our ducks that have been rehomed at Oaks Poultry Farm on Thursday 22nd June More details to follow soon.

