



Summer term 2026 1st half

Reception class newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break. This term, we focus on enjoying our final term in Reception along with preparing for Year 1. Our theme for this half term is **SPRING** and we will hopefully welcome some lovely spring sunshine so we can enjoy being outdoors more! We will use mini themes of **Seeds / Growing, Caterpillars/Butterflies/ Ladybirds, Tadpoles / Frogs and Bees/ Minibeasts** (depending on children's interests) to enhance learning and provision this half term.

In **Literacy**, we will begin our Drawing Club sessions with the traditional story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We will be growing our own beanstalks too! We will also be focusing on the stories of *What the Ladybird Heard* and *The Tadpole's Promise* as well as non-fiction books linked to our themes. We will be writing in small groups / as a class at least twice a week in our Drawing Club and Writing Club books, to help us prepare for Year 1. Children continue to receive a daily phonics session of 20 minutes. This will be focused on reading/writing captions and sentences from Phase 3, as well as securing blending and segmenting skills, learning new phonemes, digraphs, and tricky words. Some children will move on to Phase 4 phonics as the term moves on, learning to blend and segment adjacent consonants e.g. frog, crab, milk. We will be focusing on forming letters correctly using our handwriting patten and handwriting books. Children will continue to bring home reading books to support their phonics learning and will begin to take part in Guided Reading sessions in small groups (we call this *Cosy Club*).

In **Maths**, we will be moving on to recognise and understand numbers beyond 10 (11-20) and use Numberblocks to help us understand teen numbers as 10 plus a number. We will also continue to work in a practical way with numbers 0-10, securing understanding of number bonds and composition of numbers, along with part whole addition and subtraction. We will be learning about length, mass and capacity along with patterns and sorting. We plan to set up a mini 'farm shop' role play area in class to support our understanding of money.

We will be continuing to follow the Charanga music scheme, as well as learning nursery rhymes linked to our theme. P.E continues to be every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please make sure your child has the correct P.E kit/ long hair is tied back. We will leave P.E kits in school for this half term unless you prefer to wash them sooner.

Other notable things we will be taking part in this half term include: observing ladybirds growing from larva, nature walks to explore spring including nests and spring flowers, learning about life cycles, celebrating Earth Day (22nd April) and World Bee Day (20th May). We will also be helping to tidy and organise our 'top grass' area so we can begin using it again during provision time. Miss Crowther will be teaching the children about Islam in R.E and exploring clay and painting with them in art sessions. She will also be working with the children on Junk Modelling (we're happy to receive more boxes, tubes etc!) design and make a rainbow salad, learning about the difference between fruit and vegetables along with being healthy.

Please look out for an email about our upcoming school trip too (30th June).

Kind Regards,
Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Outdoor learning - children will have as much access to the outdoors as we can manage with our current staffing (where it is safe to do so). We do hope to get outside a lot more now that Spring is here! We will be observing the changes to our local environment during Spring and Summer, bringing nature into our play and learning as much as possible. We will be taking the class on Nature Walks in our local area too to enhance their understanding of the current season and explore / have fun. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Thompson, accompanies us on these walks but we also welcome parents / carers if you wish! Please keep an eye on your email for details of our walks.

Please remember you can send your Wow moments to: newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk - or use Tapestry to send photos and key moments if you wish.

Key dates this half term:

Monday 13th April 2026 - back to school!

Wednesday 15th April - P.E - **please send kits to school**

Thursday 16th April - Nature Walk - Spring

Monday 4th May - Bank holiday

Monday 18th May - Bee Week in Reception leading up to World Bee Day

Wednesday 20th May - World Bee Day (dressing in yellow and black!)

Wednesday 20th May - finish for the half term holidays 3.15pm

NEXT HALF TERM:

Monday 1st June - back to school

Tuesday 30th June - Reception school trip (letter to go out soon)

We will email out further dates as and when we have confirmed them.

