



Summer term 2026 2nd half

Reception class newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to our final half term together! We will be making sure we have lots of exciting opportunities to play and learn this half term, along with continuing to prepare for Year 1. There will be a Move Up transition morning in early July and the children will have lots of other chances to meet their Year 1 teacher; we will be inviting them to teach and play with us in Reception a few times to see how wonderful we are! This half term our main theme is Summer, and we will use mini themes of Minibeasts, other parts of the world, Travel and Picnics to enhance learning and provision this half term. We will be using the children's interests to lead our theme work. In **Literacy**, we will begin by learning all about non-fiction text, reading different information books about minibeasts. We will be writing clues about a minibeast to see if others can guess which one we are thinking of! We will be writing almost every day in our books, to help us prepare for Year 1. We will be using wonderful texts such as 'We're going on a lion hunt', 'Handa's Hen' and 'The Snail and the Whale' to learn about other places in the world, linking to Geography learning and our travel theme. We will also be designing and making our own waterproof boats. Children continue to receive a daily phonics session of 20 minutes, in two groups. This will be focused on reading/writing captions and sentences, as well as securing blending and segmenting skills, learning new phonemes, digraphs, and tricky words. Most children will move on to Phase 4 phonics, learning to blend and segment adjacent consonants e.g. frog, crab, milk. We will have a big focus on forming letters correctly using our handwriting patter and handwriting books. Children will continue to bring home reading books to support their phonics learning and will read regularly in school with an adult too.

In **Maths**, we will be learning about shapes and tangrams, time and space / pattern along with ordinal numbers linked to Sports Day. In our number work, we will be practising automatic recall of number bonds to 5, learning about simple multiplication / division, revisiting addition / subtraction, continuing to secure numbers to 20 and moving on to numbers to 30, as well as learning to count in 10s to 100 and exploring the patterns on a 100 square.

We will be continuing to follow the Charanga music scheme and may even send you some videos of our wonderful singing! We will also continue to brush our teeth in school daily. P.E will continue to be on **Wednesdays and Fridays** - remember to remove earrings please and tie back long hair.

Other notable things we will be taking part in this half term include: creating art using nature and loose parts, visiting Briercliffe Lodge, Right Start road safety training (more to follow), having a Teddy Bear's Picnic, making our own food for the picnic and learning all about how to be healthy. We will also be designing and making Rainbow Salad. We will be going on our school trip and finally getting our ice creams!!

We will be sending a letter about our school trip shortly - please look out for this.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Boon and Miss Crowther

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 will be observing the changes to our local environment during Spring and Summer, bringing nature into our play and learning as much as possible. Please make sure children have suncream on every day so that they are safe outside. We will ensure children wear their school sun hats. 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. We will let you know the date of our walks in advance; in case you wish to join us!

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 1st June 2026 - back to school

Wednesday 3rd June - P.E - please bring P.E bags. Mrs Boon PPA time on Wed afternoons

Thursday 4th June - visit to Briercliffe Lodge

Friday 12th June - non uniform day - bring bottles or chocolates

Tuesday 16th June - Reception and KS1 Sports Afternoon

Friday 20th June - Summer Fair after school

Monday 22nd June - Reception / KS1 Sports Afternoon RESERVE DATE

Monday 29th June - Mrs Boon doing Home Visits for new starters

Tuesday 30th June - Reception trip to Skipton Woods and have an ice cream

Thursday 2nd July - Mrs Boon doing Home Visits for new starters

Friday 3rd July - whole school Move Up morning (move to Year 1 to visit new classroom and teacher)

Monday 6th July - Reception Right Start Road Safety training

Tuesday 7th July - Reception Right Start Road Safety training

Friday 10th July - end-of-year reports go out

Week beginning 13th July - Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic in school

Thursday 16th July - class end-of-year parties

Monday 20th July - finish for summer holidays at 1.30pm!

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

