RECEPTION NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026

Learning

LITERACY

This half-term in Literacy, we will be exploring two new stories- “Where the wild things are” and “Anansi The Spider by Gerald McDermott”. The children will also engage in ‘Drawing club’, we will learn lots of new vocabulary and we will draw pictures of characters and settings. We will begin our phonics learning, the children will learn 4 new phonemes each week and they will work on their blending skills. We will also begin our reading sessions on the 5th October.

MATHS

In Maths, we will be strengthening our counting skills and developing confidence with number recognition. Our focus will be on gaining a deep understanding of numbers up to 5, including how each number is made (composition), number bonds, and the ability to recognise quantities without counting (subitising).s

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

We will begin our learning for ‘Understanding the World’ by celebrating the similarities and differences between children in the class and discussing how we are all unique. We will also be using our senses to explore the changing seasons.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term, we will be developing our co-ordination and movements by playing different games in our PE lessons as well as in the outside area. We will also build on our fine motor skills through the use of small equipment and through our daily dough disco sessions. P.E Day- Friday (Child to come dressed in kit)

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We follow the jigsaw scheme of work for pshe and the jigsaw piece for this half term is called “Being me in my World”. We will engage in circle time sessions exploring feelings, rules, rights and responsibilities.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

We will take our lead from the children’s interests but we have some topics and skills that we may explore such as colour mixing and Autumn. The children will also take part in our “Draw a person” activity. This activity will be carried out each half term to show progression.

Welcome to Reception...

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We’re delighted to welcome you and your child to the Bookwell community. It’s been wonderful to see how confidently the children have come into school and how quickly they are beginning to settle into their new routines. We are incredibly proud of the positive start they have made. This newsletter gives you an overview of the learning planned for the first half of the term. While we do have a structure in place, our plans may adapt slightly along the way to follow the children’s interests and needs.

Reminders

Children will need to come dressed in their p.e kits every FRIDAY.

Reading wallets will be sent out in October. They will need to come back into school every THURSDAY so they can be changed. (More information will be sent via seesaw).

Upcoming

- 6th October 2026- Nasal Flu
- 8th October 2026- Harvest Service
- 20th October 2026- Individual School Photographs