

Nursery Reception Newsletter

Summer 1st half term 2026

Welcome back! We hope that you all have had a good break. The children are settling back into our routine fantastically. We have lots of new activities in store, focusing on oceans and sea creatures! Our half-termly Nursery newsletters, Tapestry and our dedicated page on the school website will help you stay up to date, but if you have any specific queries or concerns, then please email us or arrange a mutually convenient time to talk.

Our topic this half term is 'Awesome Oceans'

Our key Learning Questions are:

- Where do we find sea creatures?
- What lives in the sea?
- What does a fish look like?
- Where can we visit the sea?
- How can we protect our oceans?

Some of our core texts will be:

- Shark in the Park
- Sea: A World Beneath the Waves
- Hooray for Fish
- Lost and Found
- Somebody Swallowed Stanley



Pick 'n' mix of things you can do at home to enhance your child's learning around this topic:

- Read ocean themed stories and encourage children to act out scenes and sea creatures.
- Encourage exploration and fine motor skills by creating an ocean themed sensory play bin and fill with sand or water; use scoops and tools to find hidden treasure.
- Join in with your child and sing familiar nursery rhymes, such as: Baby Shark. Down by the Bay, Squiggly fish
- Recognising the beginning sounds of words and matching them up to the phonemes we already know!
- Talk about water safety.
- If you are planning on taking a trip to the seaside, please take photos that we can share.

Meet the Nursery team:

Cairo teacher: Mrs Hallgren

Cairo teaching assistant: Mrs Dean

EYFS Lead: Miss Rimell



Some Nursery Dates for your Diary (Summer Term 1):

13th February: Back to school

4th May: Bank Holiday/Closed

5th May: Star Wars/Space Day—More info to come

14th May: Snuggle with a Book 3:15-3:45

22nd May: Last day of term

Useful Information

Sun Cream: With the weather getting warmer, if you could sun cream before your child arrives to school, that would be helpful. We don't provide sun cream, however, if you would like to send a sun cream stick in for your child to apply themselves, we are happy to supervise and assist if needed.

Phonics: We are revisiting some of our phonemes, such as /m/, /p/, /b/, while also being introduced to new ones, such as /l/, /f/ and /r/. Please support your child in recognizing the sound. Practising recognising phonemes will support their progress in future reading.

Maths: This half term we are focusing on repetition, patterns, matching simple shapes, and subitising numbers 1, 2, and 3!

Things to remember

Each day your child needs to bring to school:

- Named bottle filled with water.
- Book bag (please keep emptying these regularly to help keep our books in their best condition)

In Nursery, we use the outdoors in all weathers so your child needs a warm waterproof coat everyday.

Please remember we use wellies on Mondays and Wednesdays now for Forest school and Welly walks.

Please sit and read at home with your child. The Star Books will be rotated and sent home every week to enjoy.

Children should be starting to learn how to put their coat on by themselves. Could you please support your child with this new skill at home.

Labelling: Just a reminder to please make sure that **ALL** of your child's clothing and possessions are clearly labelled with their name (including uniform, coats, water bottles, hats, book bags, shoes etc.)