



**Reception  
Summer 1  
April – May 2025**

**Communication & Language**

This half term the children will be developing speaking, listening, and understanding skills through storytelling. This will involve them in retelling familiar stories with props and puppets. They will be involved in story sequencing activities and will discuss characters and settings. Children will have the opportunity to play 'Hot seating' taking on the role of a character.

**Physical Development**

Games Unit 2 (Get Set 4 PE): In this unit the children will practice and further develop their fundamental movement skills through the topic of 'around the world'. Children will learn and develop these skills by playing a variety of games. They will also learn how to work as team, take turns, keep the score, play against an opponent and play by the rules. They will continue to develop their fine motor skills through a variety of activities including letter formation.

**Mathematics**

This half term the children will focus on counting forwards and backwards from a given number in order to add and subtract. We will also be exploring numbers from 10 to 20. Children will count to 20 and back to 0, identify one more and one less and compare and represent numbers. They will explore how tens numbers are made up of tens and ones.

**Understanding the World**

During this half term the children will have the opportunity to explore the natural world around them, they will learn how to take care of this environment and will observe and interact with natural processes, such as ice melting or a sound causing vibration etc.. The children will also have the opportunity to explore what life was like in the past drawing on the experience of books and stories.

**Music**

In Music the children will develop a song by composing new words. They will explore how to make sea sound affects on percussion instruments. They will also listen and respond to a range of sea related pieces of music. They will then move on to improvise music with different instruments, following a conductor. Finally they will compose music based on characters from stories developed through listening to Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> symphony.

**Personal & Social Development**

This half term the children will be exploring the topic of 'Engage' through our 'My Happy Mind Programme'. The children will begin to understand that they can set their own goals and they will think about what goals they want to set. They will then develop the skills needed to achieve their own goals. They will be supported with the skill of perseverance and will begin to understand why this skill is so important in helping us achieve. **No Outsiders:** I know everyone is different in my class/I can make friends with anyone.

**Literacy**

This half term our main text is 'Charlie Cook's favourite book.' The children will be emersed in the topic of 'stories' through the exploration of a wide variety of story books. Through reading and writing activities the children will delve into story structures and vocabulary. They will be involved in shared reading of traditional and modern tales. The children will draw story maps and begin to write their own simple stories.

**Religious Education – To Know You More Clearly**

**Branch 5: 'To the ends of the earth'**

The children will hear that Jesus went back to his father and sent a special friend 'The Holy Spirit' to look after us. (The story of Pentecost) They will learn about The Good news of Jesus, lived out by the early Christian community and will understand that the parish church is a special place where we meet our friends, pray and sing together.

**Journey in Love:** To celebrate the joy of being a special person

**Expressive Arts & Design**

The children will have the opportunity to explore a range of tools and techniques as they explore art work related to the topic of stories. They will look closely at the different styles of illustrations in books and will use these to inspire their own art work. They will also have the opportunity to make their own 3D puppets using a range of materials.

**Homework**

The children will bring home their letter cards, please practice these on a regular basis, using both the picture and letter side of the card.

**Reading books:** The children will bring home their new reading book on Monday, these must be returned to school by Thursday.

**Thank you for your support.**

**Miss Turner, Mrs Lacey & Miss Vaughan**