

# Acorn Class – Reception Summer Term 2 2026

## Summer Fun! What can you see under the sea?



### Understanding of the World

This half term children will explore key physical features such as beaches, cliffs, coasts, forests, hills, mountains, seas, oceans, rivers, soil, valleys and vegetation. We will also be thinking about seasons and different types of weather as we learn more about the world around us.

Our visit to The Deep will help us understand why caring for our oceans and coastal environments is so important.

“Be kind to one another.”  
Ephesians 4:32

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This term, the children will be learning to answer the question:

***What is special about our world?***

### Mathematics

We will continue our Maths journey following the White Rose Maths Scheme of Work:

- Visualise, build and map
- Manipulate, compose and decompose
- Make Connections
- Consolidate learning in preparation for Year 1

### Physical Development

Within our daily provisions we will be continuing to give the children access to fine motor practice. We will also continue focusing on letter formation through regular handwriting practice.

PE will be taught by a specialist sports coach and will focus on teamwork and sportsmanship when learning about striking and fielding. We will develop skills of hitting, throwing and striking. We will also be preparing for our upcoming Sport's Day as well as partaking in cricket sessions every Monday.

### Half Term Information

**PE – On Monday and Wednesday** afternoons, children should come to school in their full PE kit. As the weather gets warmer, this should include a white T-shirt, black or navy shorts or joggers, trainers and a light top layer. A black sweatshirt or zip-up can still be brought for cooler mornings. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on PE days, and that all clothing is clearly named.

**School Trip - A reminder that our school trip to The Deep is on Tuesday 23rd June - please remember to bring a packed lunch.**

**Mobile Library Visit** – The mobile library is unfortunately still out of action, so we will continue to swap books within class on alternate Tuesdays. Please note that if books are not returned, we won't be able to issue a new one until the previous book is brought back. Thank you for your support.

**Water Bottles** - Please ensure your child brings a clean, filled and clearly labelled water bottle each day (water only). As the weather gets warmer, children need to stay hydrated.

**Sun Cream** - Please apply sun cream at home before school.

**Homework** - A homework menu will be sent home with a selection of optional, topic-based activities for children to enjoy and complete over time. We'd love to see any finished projects in school by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** so we can celebrate and share them together in class.

### Writing

This term, we will be learning the text *Kassim and the Greedy Dragon*. We will use drama and artwork to deepen our understanding of the text and use newly taught vocabulary to orally rehearse sentences about the dragon. Once we are confident orally constructing sentences, we will have a go at writing our sentences and creating a five-sentence story. In our phonics sessions, we will continue to use our phonics knowledge to spell new words and write dictated sentences.

### Phonics

This term, we will continue to focus on Phase 4 graphemes. We will be exploring long vowel sounds, words ending in s, s/z/, es, root words ending in -ing, -ed /t/, -ed /id/ /ed/, -ed /d/ and reading longer words such as splashes, boasts and speeches. We will recap all tricky words.

### Reading

There are two types of reading books that your child will be bringing home: A reading practice book which will be carefully matched to your child's current reading level (**please ensure this comes to school every day**) and a Sharing Book from the mobile library – return alternate weeks.

Your child's new practice book will be sent home every **Thursday**. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence when reading.

### Life Skills

#### Jigsaw Scheme of Work – Changing Me

This term, the children will be focusing on staying healthy. We will be naming parts of our body, learning about things we can do and foods we can eat to be healthy, understand that we all grow from babies to adults and to express how we feel about moving to Year 1.

### Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we will continue to use a range of tools and materials to create our own artwork. We will discuss our design choices, explaining the reason for the choices that we made. We will begin to explore simple printing techniques by creating our own stamps and thinking carefully about our choice of colour and pattern.

### Communication and Language

This term, the children will continue to offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems. We will also continue to develop our confidence to ask questions to clarify understanding.

### Links to school values

**Aspiration** – We will show aspiration by challenging ourselves in our learning and aspiring to build our knowledge of the world around us.

**Respect** – We will show respect by being kind to others, listening carefully and working cooperatively in all our lessons. We will also show respect for our environment as we learn about oceans, weather and physical features, and think about how we can help care for our planet.

**Community** - As Acorn Class, we will strengthen our sense of community by supporting one another, sharing ideas and working together. We will continue to encourage each other and celebrate our successes as a team.