

In Reception we hope to start to develop a life long love of learning through a combination of adult learning and teaching in the moment. We will continue to help your child to grow in confidence and build resilience by challenging them to take risks and not give up.

Mathematics

Mathematics is taught both discretely and by following our daily routines. Self-registration is now completed on a tens frame, we use a visual timetable, discuss the day of the week, month and season. We share fruit/toys, sing nursery rhymes, and use mathematical language in our play. Our learning this term will focus on developing a deep understanding of the numbers 0-10 and their composition, through practical activities where the children explain their reasoning.

Writing

Children will have daily opportunities to reinforce and apply their phonics knowledge. This will include handwriting to ensure correct letter formation and fine motor activities to strengthen their fingers. As well as writing during Drawing Club, the children will write lists, labels, make cards or signs as part of developing their imagination during role play activities.

Understanding of the World

In the EYFS Framework, the Early Learning Goal of Understanding of the World involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. It encompasses History (past and present), Geography and RE (people, culture and communities) and Science (the natural world). This term we will be continuing to learn about how the seasons affect our weather and how snow and ice is formed. We will be discussing the similarities and differences between life and festivals in this country. Our learning will be interactive, reading stories and watching videos of children in other countries and tasting and touching a variety of different food. We will be investigating habitats and the animals that are native to different countries. The children will then be able to encounter these animals during a visit to Whipsnade Zoo.

Physical Development

Physical development includes fine and gross motor activities daily. **PE** lessons are part of this and take place on a **Monday and Thursday mornings**. Please send your child to school in PE kit on these days. That is an Emerald T-shirt with the school logo, navy joggers/leggings, trainers and navy hoodie or sweatshirt.

Forest School

Forest School takes place on a **Friday morning**. Children come to school in their Forest School clothes. They should wear layers rather than a thick jumper and have a pair of wellies and full set of waterproofs, gloves and a hat whatever the weather. They will change into their school uniform on their return. Please ensure ALL items belonging to your child are clearly labelled. If you are able to help occasionally on a Friday morning, please let the office know.

Our Wonderful World

Ruby Class Spring Term 2026

Outdoor learning

The children are encouraged to spend time exploring the outdoor environment, allowing them freedom to pursue their interests by engaging in first hand experiences. It enables the children to develop their problem solve skills and ask questions. This in turn develops intellectual and emotional linguistics as well as promoting mental health and wellbeing. Staff support the children through observing, modelling and enhancing the environment.

Phonics and Reading

We use the Little Wandle Phonics scheme to support their phonics and reading skills. This term they will be learning the Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs. The children will be taught to use their segmenting fingers when writing words containing these new GPCs and then underline them. All children read three times a week with an adult on a book matched to their phonics level. They then bring this book home to share with you to help develop their fluency. Children also choose a book from the classroom and one from the library. These are 'reading for pleasure' books and are intended to be shared with family members to help develop their love of reading. Enjoy sharing fiction, non-fiction and poetry books, making up stories and talking with your child. At this age children soak up new vocabulary and information which is lovely to see. They will be joining in a variety of activities during Communication Week to help enhance their love of reading and learning poems.

Communication

If you have any concerns, however small please come and talk to me or make an appointment via the office. Class Dojo is used to share wow moments, send reminders and keep you updated with extra-curricular activities e.g. cooking.