

# Reception Learning Letter

Summer 1

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## Dates for your diary:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Earth Day - Bring a Plant to School

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Early Bank Holiday

**WB 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Deaf Awareness Week

**WB 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Mental Health Awareness Week

**WB 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Walk to School Week

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - An International Evening to Celebrate Who We Are: 4:00pm-6:30pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - End of half-term

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - Children return to school

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had a wonderful break and that your children are looking forward to returning to school. We are looking forward to an exciting term of summer learning with them.

## Routines:

**Indoor PE - Tuesday (RGW), Friday (RF)**

Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on their days: white polo shirt; sweatshirt; black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts, and trainers. **Please send children to school in their PE kit on their day.**

## Our Learning Journey: Australia

This half term's topic is 'All Around the World – An Australian Adventure.' Please do let us know if you have something related to this topic that you would like to share with the children. As part of this topic, we will be looking at Australian animals and landmarks, and the children will be writing their very own fact books.

## Maths:

**Number** - Reception will be consolidating their counting skills, counting to larger numbers and developing a wider range of counting strategies. They will be exploring a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame, and see how doubles can be arranged in a 10-frame

**Shape, Space and Measure** - Reception will be further exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

## English:

### Reading and Phonics:

This half-term, we will be focusing on Phase 4 CVCC words with short vowel sounds and looking at word endings. Weekly phonics sheets will continue to be sent home to let you know what your child has been focusing on that week. We will also be focusing on reading and writing high frequency and tricky words (e.g. you, said, so, have, like).

### Writing:

This half term, we will be using our phonetic knowledge to write simple sentences in our fact books about Australia.

**Forest School:** This will start again this week. Please send your child to school wearing waterproofs and wellies as even when it is hot, waterplay (and mud) is still involved. Please ensure they have a clean pair of shoes and socks to change into afterwards. A plastic bag (ideally labelled) is perfect for the muddy kit! Please email or speak to us if you can help out at these sessions as we always welcome volunteers.

**Earth Day Planting:** Please send your child in with donations for Earth Day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and across that week. We will be planting **sunflower seeds** and would also like donations of **summer flowers for our hanging baskets (Pansies etc)**. Thank you.

### Warmer Weather:

We are hoping to enjoy the warmer weather this half term! If the weather does oblige, please send your child to school with a named sun hat and sunscreen already applied. It is also worth mentioning that because of the big windows, our classrooms get very warm on sunny days so layers are always a good idea.

If you need to get in touch with us, please do so during school hours only: 8.00am - 6pm (Mon - Fri) and we will respond as soon as we can:

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Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team