



Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026/27



We hope that you all had a wonderful, well-earned Summer break!
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.
If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Reception Team:

RSA	Sharna, Jackie and Nikki
RPA	Parmita, Anna and Lucy

Understanding the World - Our topic this half term is Our Story, Our World!

We will be learning all about ourselves and our families and talking about similarities and differences.

Please can we ask that you send in one baby photo of your child, as well as one family photo by Friday 11th September for the children to share in class. These can be emailed to us at goodrichreception@gemfed.co.uk



Settling

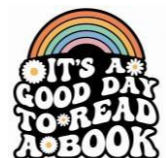
During the first few weeks, we will be observing and playing alongside the children while we get to know each individual child. This will coincide with the government's baseline assessments, which is statutory.

Phonics and Literacy - We will aim to begin our Little Wandle phonics scheme in week 3, where the children will learn a new letter and sound each day with a revision day each Friday. We will be learning the Phase 2 sounds. You can find more information about Little Wandle here:
<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

In Literacy we will be practicing writing our names and forming letters correctly. We will also learn to use our phonic knowledge to read and write words and simple sentences.

Reading - One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a reading scheme book for them to read as well as a story book of their choice.

Children in Reception should be reading at home each day with an adult, for 15 minutes. Please make a comment in your child's reading record each time that they read so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books. Please bring in bookbags every day.



Maths -

Following the White Rose curriculum, we will be focusing on

- Matching, sorting and comparing objects and amounts
- Talking about measures and patterns
- Finding and subitizing amounts
- Identifying and describing 2D shapes





Treasure Chests – You may hear your children speaking about receiving treasure chests. These are whole-class rewards for positive behaviour and good attitudes to learning. At the end of each week at the EYFS assembly, we will count the total amount of treasure chests for each class. The class with the highest number of chests is rewarded with having our friend, Gerald Giraffe, in class for the following week!



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The Everywhere Bear – Each Friday, the class bear will be sent home with a child. This is an opportunity for them to look after the bear for the weekend. When it is your child's turn, please read the note in the bear's backpack.

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P.E – In the Autumn term, there will be no formal PE lessons. We incorporate the development gross skills through daily activities which are designed to allow the children to practice running, jumping, climbing, balancing, throwing and catching. Children will be taught a range of games, as well as how to use equipment safely.

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PSED - This half term, we will be supporting the children with settling and getting to know each other.

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Music – Music in Reception is taught by Grace from the Southwark Music Service. The children will be learning songs and exploring simple rhythms this half term.



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Clothing – As you know, London weather is very unpredictable! Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat. Additionally, please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Daily Requirements

- Water bottle
- Goodrich school book bag (no large rucksacks please)
- Velcro/ slip-on shoes

On behalf of the reception team, we look forward to getting to know you and your children.