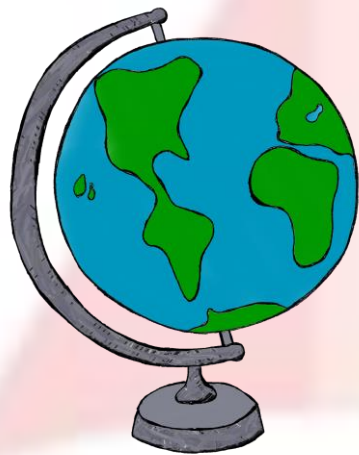


# Around The World



## Reception Summer Term 1

### Class Wibsey

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Easter break. Thank you to those of you who have sent pictures via Class Dojo for show and tell this week it is always a joy to see what the children have been doing at home!

This half term, we will be exploring different countries and making comparisons with where we live, and Africa and Antarctica. We will use the stories Emperor's egg and Handa's Surprise to support our learning.

As always, we will continue to follow the children's interests throughout the half term. If your child shows any particular interest in something new or goes anywhere exciting, please do share this with us via Class Dojo so we can incorporate this into our learning in class.

We are always available at the beginning and end of each day should you wish to pop into school to review your child's learning or meet with us.

Reception staff are: Mrs Evans, Mrs Malik, Mrs Saias, Mrs Shaw, Miss Chantry, Miss Coughlan, Mrs Harrison and Miss Kilmartin

### Our distinctive Church school ethos

Children will take part in daily collective worship. We will spend time together as a school, in a class and as part of our 'Value Families'.

Every other Tuesday we visit St Paul's Church for a service led by Reverend Thierry Guillemain.

Throughout the day we will pause for reflection to consider our values through prayer.



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### Dates to remember:

8.4.24 and 9.4.24 Parents' Evening

12.4.24 Eid Themed Lunch

22.4.24 Whole Class Photo

25.4.24 Reception Art Gallery: Parents welcome

29.4.24 Year 1 and Year 2 My Happy Mind: Parent morning

1.5.24 Yorkshire Water - Water Safety Talk

6.5.24 Bank Holiday

13.5.24 Year 6 SATs Week

20.5.24 Hand to Mouth

21.5.24 Rainbow Day

21.5.24 Break up

**Learning at home:** Reading books need to be brought into school daily. When a child reads at home 5 times per week, they receive a raffle ticket. The tickets are then entered into the draw for the children to have the opportunity to take home our 'Snuggle up and read' bags. There is also an optional home learning task to create an animal habitat. Please see Class Dojo or speak to Mrs Evans for more information.

**P.E:** Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on **Thursdays**.

### Personal Development



**PSED:** We will be continuing with our 'My Happy Mind' journey. The children will be getting to know more of the characters and learn about their mind through stories, songs and interactive quizzes. If you have not already done so, please download our 'My Happy Mind' app for parents. Once downloaded, you will need to enter our unique code, please contact the office if you need this code.

One of our key focuses this half term will be on using cutlery to cut our own food up confidently at lunch times. Please continue to model this to your child at home.

We will also be teaching the children to tie their own shoelaces using the 'bunny ears method'. Please follow the link to a video showing this method: [Bunny ears video](#)

Please model this method at home and encourage your child have a go at tying their own shoelaces.



## Understanding of the World



This half term we will continue to build on our knowledge of plant and animal life cycles. We will observe how caterpillars turn into butterflies and how strawberry plants grow strawberries. Through the stories, Emperor's Egg, Handa's Surprise, The Koala Who Could and Rumble In The Jungle, we will explore different parts of our world and make comparisons to Bradford. We will also make comparisons with the animals that can be found in different parts of the world, the weather and explore the different cultures we read about.

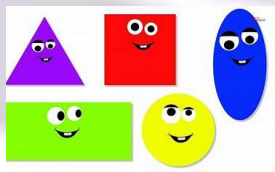
## RE

Our focus for this half term will be celebrations, beginning with Eid. We will talk about different places of worship and how people celebrate key events such as new life and weddings. Reception will continue to go to church regularly throughout the term and attend family worship sessions each Wednesday.

## Maths

In maths, we will consolidate our number bond knowledge within ten before moving on to numbers up to twenty. We will revisit the concepts of addition and subtraction and use practical resources to add and subtract amounts within twenty.

We will also investigate 2D and 3D shapes, discussing their features, naming and matching them. We will use our shape knowledge to manipulate shapes and make tangrams. We will also revisit patterns and use pattern to reinforce our number and shape knowledge. You can support your child's learning in maths at home by encouraging them to spot and discuss patterns. You can also encourage your child to practice adding and subtracting using resources they may play with at home such as Lego.



## Phonics

We continue to follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme and this half term, Reception will revisit their Phase 3 knowledge and move onto Phase 4. You will be given a leaflet on how you can continue to support your child's Phase 3 and 4 knowledge at parents' evening.

## Writing

We continue to use Drawing Club to ensure the children are excited about their writing. Our continued focus is on children writing with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will be using the following books to inspire our writing this half term; Supertato, Whatever Next, Emperor's Egg, and Rumble in the Jungle. The children are very excited to share their writing with you again at parents evening.



## Expressive Arts and Design/Music

Reception will learn the cut, slip, stick method to attach different pieces of clay. We will continue to practice the skill of observational drawing and take inspiration from famous pieces of work such as Sunflowers by Van Gogh. We will also continue our focus on rhythm and explore making music using different interests. We will also be creating and signing music based around transport. As always, children are encouraged to take part in imaginative large and small world role play.



## Motor Skills

We are continuing to develop our gross motor skills in PE., through focusing on dance and athletics games.

We will continue to develop our tripod grip through lots of fine motor activities. Please look at the 'Imagination Tree' for some ideas of how you can help at home.



<https://theimaginationtree.com/>