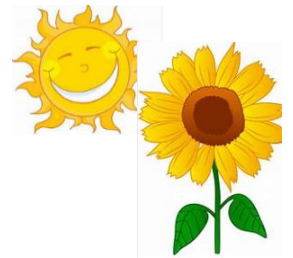




Reception Curriculum News

Summer 1 2026



This half term we are exploring 'Sunshine and Sunflowers'.

This term, we are excited to explore a range of fascinating life cycles, including hens, frogs, and butterflies, as well as how humans grow and change over time. We will be welcoming **living eggs** into the classroom, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to observe them closely as they develop and hatch. This hands-on experience will support our learning about **life cycles**, helping the children understand how animals grow and change.

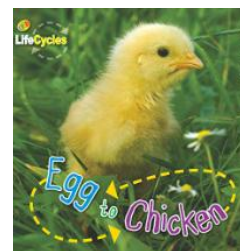
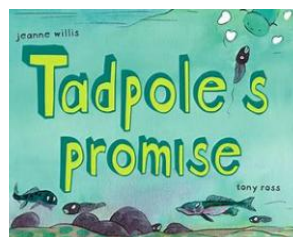
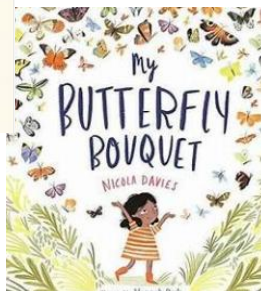
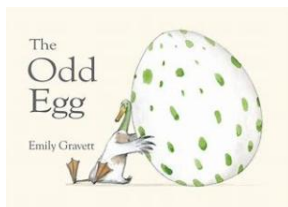
Children will also have the chance to plant and care for their own sunflowers or beans. Through this experience, they will learn how to nurture their plants, appreciate their growth, and investigate the different parts that help them thrive.

Alongside our science learning, we will be focusing on how to keep our bodies healthy. This will include discussions around nutrition, exercise, mental wellbeing, sleep, sun safety, and good hygiene habits.

It promises to be a busy and exciting term full of curiosity and discovery!

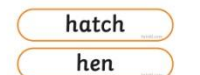
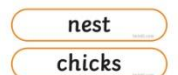
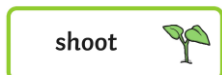
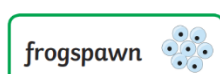
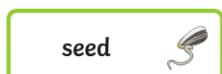
We will be posting photos on Dojo throughout the term, to show you all of the exciting things we are doing.

We will be focusing on the books below to support our learning:



At home...

It would be great if you could encourage your child to revisit the key words we are teaching in school:



In Reception, throughout the year we focus on difference and diversity learning about different celebrations, festivals and religions in order to learn about and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Dates for the diary:

Back to school- Monday 13th April 2026

Living Eggs arrive in school- Week Commencing 20th April 2026

Bank Holiday (school closed) – Monday 4th May 2026

FS2 Parent Stay and Read Session- Friday 8th May 2026

Class photo day- Wednesday 13th May 2026

Reception Sports day (parents invited)- 14th May 2026

Eid Assembly (parents invited)- 21st May 2026

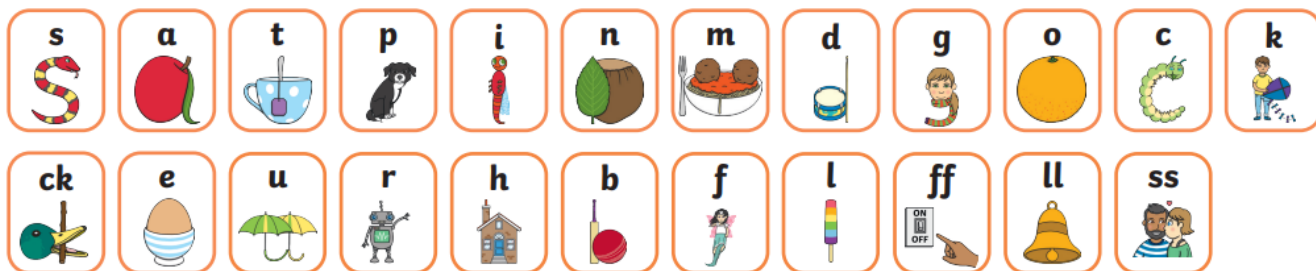
Break up for half term- Friday 22nd May 2026

Class trip – Wednesday 24th June 2026 (more details to follow)

Phonics

We have now covered all of Level 2 and 3 Sounds. Please take time to recap these with the children and ensure they practice these at home.

Level 2 Sounds



Level 3 Sounds



PE and Games

PE will continue to take place on **Thursday afternoons**. Please remember to send children to school in their PE kits, no jewellery and hair tied back. Children will take part in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities that continue to focus on fine and gross motor skills.

Snack and Curriculum Money

Please ensure that **snack money (£1 per week)** is paid via **Scopay online**. This contribution covers daily snacks and helps fund additional class activities.

We kindly ask that all previous balances are paid and cleared as soon as possible.

Ways to help at home

- Read with your child and ask simple questions. Give your child time to sound out simple words and remember that children need to bring their reading books to school every day but they will usually be changed on a **Monday**.
- Ask questions about your child's day at school.
- Support your child's physical development by exposing them to lots of activities to support strength, balance and coordination, as well as their fine motor (small movements like threading using a pinch grip).
- Enjoy a bedtime story with your child to encourage love for books.
- Give your child lots of opportunity to draw and write using the sound mat and tricky words.
- Help your child to practice writing their name.
- Practise counting forward and counting out objects. Practise recognising numbers to 10.
- Encourage your child self-help skills such as dressing and eating independently.

Don't forget we are always here to help. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like some more information. We have an open door policy.

Check out our class pages at www.rosehillinfants.co.uk

Many thanks,
Miss Rani, Mrs Sangha and the Reception Team