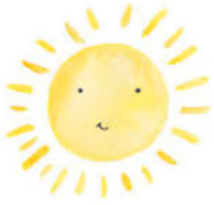


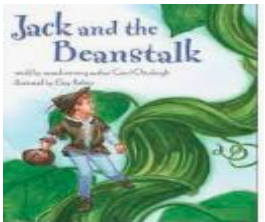
## KSS Reception Summer 1 Newsletter May 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,



We hope you have all had a nice half term break and that the children are looking forward to our Summer term in Reception! We have lots to look forward to this term including our school trip to Lotherton Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. We are also excited to start our new Topic this term "In the garden" the children have already shown lots of interest and we are looking forward to planting seeds and watching them grow.

Could we please ask that the children do not bring in any toys/objects from home into school. Whilst we know children can be persuasive and they may say they will stay in bags, they do start to cause issues in the classroom and we cannot guarantee they won't get lost. We appreciate your help with this.



### Summer 1 Topic Theme: [In the garden](#)

Our Topic this term is "In the garden" and therefore we will be exploring the following areas:

#### Topic and Literacy:

We will be exploring what we can find in the garden during Topic lessons. We will be planting our own seeds, discussing what we need for them to grow and then (hopefully) watching them grow making our own information booklets to record our results. We will focus on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk looking at how the beanstalk grew. We will also be looking at mini beasts and life cycles of butterflies and frogs.

In our **Drawing club lessons**, we will be looking at the following texts:

Bloom by Anne Booth.

Superworm by Julia Donaldson

The very hungry caterpillar by Eric Carle

Norman the slug with a silly shell by Sue Hendra

Fran's Flower by Lisa Bruce

#### Handwriting:

We are working hard on our letter formation using our Letter Join Handwriting scheme. We are focusing on a d n m h j y and g.

#### Maths & Number:

We follow the NECTM maths mastery and this term we will be focusing on 3D shapes, Subitising, composition and comparison.

#### Phonics:

We follow the Twinkl Phonics scheme and the children have all now completed level 2 and 3. This term we be recapping level 3 and focusing on using our phonics to write full sentences. We will be revisiting all our digraphs and trigraphs and applying them to our writing.

The children should practise **reading** the following tricky words- said, so, have, like, come, some, were, there, little, one, do, when, out, what.

The children should practise **writing** the tricky words – he, she, me, we, be, was, you, they, are, all, my, here





### **How can families help their child further at home?**

**Reading-** short bursts of reading. Your child reading to you, and you reading to your child. Please aim to read their school reading book at least three times per week – don't forget to tick of the 25 square each time they read!

**Singing-** songs and rhymes, especially those which have an element if maths in them! Jigsaws, puzzles, dot to dots, board games requiring turn taking- all of these are so valuable.

**Name writing-** every time your child draws a picture, encourage them to write their name on the back!

**Homework:** Homework is sent home on a Wednesday and collected in the following Wednesday. If you would like to do any extra, we have now set up your accounts on IXL. This is optional homework that helps to consolidate work that we have done in class. We have seen lots of you using this and had some really positive feedback from it!

If you need any help of support this term, please do reach out to us. If you have any questions or worries, please get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Fordham and Mrs Murray