



Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2026: Year R



The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of important people during our 'People Who Help Us' topic last term. We learnt about how and when to dial 999, how vets look after animals, how dogs help the police and what uniform they wear and how to cross the road safely. Children also enjoyed learning about astronauts and the planets in our solar system. They remembered lots of information and asked some brilliant questions.

The Foundation team are looking forward to the summer term ahead, where we will observe ducklings hatching and go on our first school trip.



Literacy

Children will continue to practise their sentence writing through retelling stories such as Jasper's Beanstalk and The Odd Egg. They will also look at how to write instructions and have a go at writing their own for planting a seed.

Following our visit to Kingswood, children will write a recount of what they did on the trip. Guided reading will also be introduced to support children's transition into Year 1.

Mathematics

This term children will be developing their recognition and knowledge of numbers to 20. They will learn how to add, take away, double and share. They will apply their knowledge through problem solving. The children will learn the names and properties of 3D shapes. They will use maps to describe where things are using positional language.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be building the children's confidence to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. The children will work towards simple goals and share their achievements with their peers.

Communication and Language

The children will be learning to listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. During discussions children will be encouraged to offer their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.

Physical Development

PE is on a Monday and Thursday. The children will be developing their games and ball skills. During the second half term, the children will also be creating a year group dance to show you at the Dance Festival in July.

Understanding the World

The children will be investigating the natural environment around them. They will be looking after and observing our class ducklings and caterpillars. Investigating the outdoor area, looking at how the seasons affect our environment and where minibeasts live. The children will also go on their first school trip to Kingswood.

Expressive Arts and Design

In Art, children will create their own Monet and van Gogh inspired paintings. The children will explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design and texture.

During our music sessions we will be looking at a variety of songs and music linked to our topics. We will learn about the pace, beat and rhythm of songs. We will also explore a range of instruments. We will compose and perform music as a class.

Helping at Home

Help at home is greatly appreciated.

- Support your child with reading their book 4 times over the week.
- Practise the phonic sounds your child is finding difficult.
- Practise reading their harder to read and spell words (tricky words).
- Visit your local library and choose books to share at bedtime (or anytime!)
- Reinforce number recognition 10-20 and play simple games (snakes and ladders, number snap) to reinforce mathematical skills.

Class Page Link: <https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/foundation-2/>

As you can see, it promises to be an exciting term and we look forward to seeing the children flourish as they enjoy, achieve and learn! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any support.

