











Millbrook Primary School
Reception Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term Two 2026
Mr Smith

Communication and Language		Physical Development	
<p>We will continue to develop our confidence in speaking and listening during whole-class learning, small groups and play.</p> <p>We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen and respond appropriately during longer carpet sessions• Ask and answer questions using who, what, where and why• Retell familiar stories using key vocabulary• Share ideas clearly using full sentences• Take part in conversations with peers and adults		<p>We will further develop our strength, coordination, and control through a range of physical activities indoors and outdoors.</p> <p>We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance and safely use large apparatus• Jump and land safely from a height• Throw and catch with a partner• Kick and control a ball using our feet• Use scissors confidently to cut along straight and curved lines• Continue developing a comfortable tripod grip for writing	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development		Literacy	
<p>We will focus on perseverance, confidence and working well with others.</p> <p>We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set simple goals and work towards achieving them• Show resilience when tasks are challenging• Follow rules and understand right and wrong• Work cooperatively in groups and take turns• Continue developing independence when dressing and managing our belongings		<p>We will continue to build strong early reading and writing skills through daily phonics and literacy activities.</p> <p>We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognise taught graphemes and tricky words• Blend sounds to read words and simple sentences• Read books matched to our phonics ability with increasing fluency• Retell stories and talk about characters, settings and events• Write words and simple phrases using phonics knowledge• Begin using finger spaces and understand that sentences start with a capital letter	
Mathematics		Understanding the World	
<p>We will deepen our understanding of number and begin to explore numbers beyond 5.</p> <p>We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subitise and count quantities within and beyond 5• Explore the composition of numbers 6 and 7• Compare quantities using greater than, less than and equal• Begin identifying doubles using practical resources• Continue recognising and describing 2D shapes• Use positional language to describe where objects are		<p>We will explore changes over time, seasonal changes and cultural celebrations.</p> <p>We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognise signs of spring and changes in the natural world• Plant seeds and care for growing plants• Observe and talk about growth and life cycles• Learn about Easter and why it is celebrated• Talk about similarities and differences between past and present• Develop an understanding of time through planting diaries and observations	



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Expressive Arts and Design		Home Learning	
<p>Children will continue to explore creativity through art, music, movement and imaginative play.</p> <p>We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore different materials and joining techniques• Use natural objects to create artwork• Share and talk about our creations and the process• Sing a range of familiar songs• Move rhythmically to music and follow simple dance routines• Act out well-known stories using role play		<p>You can support learning at home by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Reading regularly and encouraging your child to retell stories✓ Practising phonics sounds and tricky words✓ Counting objects and talking about numbers during everyday activities✓ Looking for signs of spring when out and about✓ Encouraging independence with dressing and self-care	
Key Dates			
<p>Book Bonanza - Every Tuesday at 3:00pm World Book Day - Thursday 5th March Library Visit -Tuesday 24th March End of Spring Term - Friday 27th March</p>			