

Whitehouse Primary School Reception Spring 2026 Newsletter



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As we move through the Spring term, we wanted to share some of the curriculum offering for Reception pupils. We are confident that the topics and ideas will both educate and ignite the children's interests and imaginations. Here is just a flavour of the term ahead...



Expressive Art and Design

Children will explore music and dance on a daily basis, working towards music making and expressing their feelings about music. They will also create varied artwork linked to our topics.



This will continue to be an everyday feature in the reception classroom.

Physical Development

Children will extend their learning of basic PE principles to develop some gymnastic skills with a focus on balance shape and travelling movements. The classes will also continue the much enjoyed weekly yoga sessions!



Children will continue
to build imagination
and explore new ideas
through regular
provision both indoor
and outdoor.

Long Ago &

Ready Steady Grow

Forest School

Children will attend a Forest School Programme every 3 weeks, with outdoor learning that inspires confidence, resilience, independence and creativity!



Long Ago will explore the past and include children examining how they have grown and changed since they were babies.

Our ready, steady grow topic will focus on the growth of plants and animals in the natural world.



Key Times and Days

EYFS doors open - 8:40am PE - All Reception Wednesday am Registration - 8:55am Forest School - Thursday am (every 3 weeks) End of school - 3:15pm

Power Maths

Unit 7: Numbers to 10 Unit 8: Comparing numbers to 10

Unit 9: Addition to 10 Unit 10: Measurement

Unit 11: Number bonds to 10

Unit 12: Subtraction

Unit 13: Exploring patterns



Communication and Language

Through daily oracy sessions, children will focus on building their speaking confidence and sharing their ideas using full sentences.

Stay and Play-

This will be an opportunity for parents/ carers to come and spend an afternoon in school to see what happens in the classroom.

PSHE

This term will focus on managing self, exploring emotions and making healthy choices.



Phonics

Children will continue their important reading and writing journey through daily phonics sessions using the 'Little Wandle' Phonics Scheme.



This will continue to be sent home on a Thursday.
Tasks may include Little
Wandle phase 3 sound
practice, reading, letter/
number formation practice
or a maths task.



Regular lessons use books and animations to engage children's imaginations through drawing. This develops to combine early writing skills.





Important dates for Spring Term 2026

EYFS Festival at Durham University- Wednesday 21st January

Sibling and family photos-Tuesday 3rd February

Half Term- Monday 23rd February- Sunday 1st March

Stay and Play- WC Monday 2nd February

Parent learning Reviews- Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March

End of Spring Term-Friday 11th April