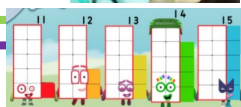


**Our Topic this term ....** We have introduced the topic 'Animals' to the children this half term. The role play areas have been transformed into a 'Pet Shop' and 'Vets'. The children will be learning all about different animals and will be discussing the environments where we might find animals e.g. the zoo, on a farm, in the ocean and in the jungle. We will use our phonic knowledge to write about our favourite pets and mini-beast riddles for our friends and teachers to solve. We will be talking about the pets we own or ones we have met before and will be discussing how we can keep animals healthy. They will be using these ideas in the 'veterinary surgery' and small world area. If you have anything at home that would support their learning, please feel free to bring it in.



### As mathematicians we will be...

Continuing with our 'Number of the Week'- exploring and representing the numbers 11-20 in different ways. This term, we will be looking at spatial reasoning and using positional language as we use shapes to match and make arrangements. Also, we will be deepening our understanding of patterns. In addition to all of this super learning, we will be recapping previous learning such as: counting, number bonds, addition and subtraction and finding more and less than a given number.

**Phonics** During our **phonics sessions**, some children will continue learning Phase 3 Letters and Sounds, along with the common exception words: *be, she, he, was, is, we, my, you, are, and all*. The rest of the children will begin Phase 4 phonics. In this phase, children will not learn any new sounds, but will focus on reading and spelling longer words, as well as learning additional common exception words.

### Reception key information

- P.E takes place every Monday and Wednesday children will need to ensure they come to school in their full kit.
- Monkeys class Outdoor session will take place every Tuesday and Lions every Thursday. Outdoor learning will resume on WB:13th April 2026
- Outdoor learning waterproofs will be kept in school unless it needs to be sent home to be cleaned.



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### Reception Newsletter Summer Term 1 2026

We are now back from our Easter break ready for some fun learning this term. Thank you for your on going support.

Ms Ezinwa, Mrs Stasinopoulos,  
 Ms Nye, Mrs Simpson

### Important Dates

Monday 13th April — Back at school  
 Tuesday 21st April – Friday 24th April – Computing Café  
 Tuesday 28th April—Neurodiversity Day  
 Thursday 30th April Rocky Road's Farm visiting Reception  
 Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday  
 Friday 22nd — Sports day  
 Friday 22nd – End of Term

Half term  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May



### How can you help at home?

- We would be grateful if you could donate £1 for our consumables that resource our messy and malleable play.
- Please could you write in your child's Reading Journal and bring in their book bags everyday so we can change their books, thank you.
- The children are making progress with their counting and number recognition. Continue to practise counting forwards backwards and up to 20 at home.
- Home learning challenge (optional) - Children are welcome to make a 3D animal of their choice using junk modelling. We cannot wait to see what you have created.

### Useful websites

Phonics play- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>  
 Topmarks (maths games) -<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>  
 Numberblocks- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00029t7/numberblocks>