



Houghton Regis Primary School

'Growing minds, shaping futures and inspiring lifelong learning'



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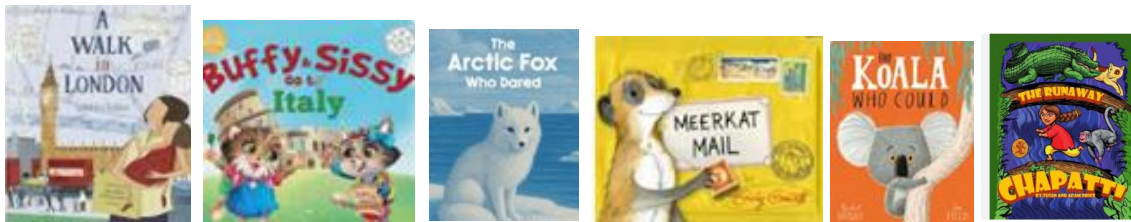
Tuesday 14th April 2026

Reception Curriculum Letter

We are excited to share an overview of our learning for this term in Reception. Our topic for this half term is 'The World Around Me.'

Reading Focus

During the coming weeks we will be looking at the following books.



Phonics

As we continue to develop our phonics skills, we will be focusing on reading words that contain short vowel sounds, longer words, compound words, and words ending in -ing, -ed, and -est. We will also be learning and practising tricky words such as: said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do, were, here, little, says, there, when, what, one, out, today.

Writing

This half term we will be writing to inform. We will be using the book 'My Amazing Body' to build upon understanding that writing can inform a reader. We will learn about features of information books and use these in our writing. This will culminate in us writing our own information book about what their amazing bodies can be used for!

Understanding the World

We will explore how Houghton Regis has changed over time and learn about familiar people in our community and their roles. The children will discover different cultures, explore similarities and differences, and take part in food tasting experiences. We will also compare life in this country with life in other countries using stories, non-fiction texts, and maps. We will also take part in weather observations, habitat exploration, and mini beast walks.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be recreating famous buildings from around the world using junk modelling. We will experiment with colour, light, and shade, and use artistic vocabulary such as *light*, *dark*, *shade*, and *tone*. We will also take part in drama activities, create imaginative journeys, learn African and South American dances, and perform animal poetry.

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Physical Development

We will focus on developing fine motor skills, including holding a pencil using a tripod grip, using scissors and other tools safely, and showing increasing accuracy in drawing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSHE)

Our focus will include: families, making friends, being a good friend, managing falling out and understanding that our actions have consequences.

Communication and Language

We will be reciting animal facts, taking part in group and class discussion to offer explanations and share ideas using new vocabulary. The children are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings in full sentences, including using past, present, and future tenses.

Key Dates for Reception – Summer 1

Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday – School closed to all
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Platinum class assembly – 2.45pm
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Gold class assembly – 2.45pm

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term full of rich learning experiences. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Early Years Team

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