



# Houghton Regis Primary School

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## Reception Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer 2! We are looking forward to another exciting half term filled with engaging learning opportunities, outdoor exploration and preparation for the children's transition into Year 1.

*This half term our learning will focus on: Discover and Explore.*

*The children will be exploring- Seaside, Space, Animals and Underwater.*

We will be reading the following books:



### Communication and Language

We will focus on listening carefully and responding appropriately, using new vocabulary linked to our topic, asking and answering questions, speaking in full sentences and retelling stories and sharing ideas confidently.

### Physical development

This half term children will develop coordination, balance and control, improve fine motor skills for writing take part in team games and outdoor challenges and learn about healthy lifestyles and staying safe in the sun.

PE lessons will continue weekly. Our focus will be to prepare for sports day.

### Literacy

This half term we will be writing to inform and creating our very own 'Natural World' book.

We will be reading the following books to aid our understanding and further knowledge.



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We will also be reading a range of seaside and ocean-themed stories and non-fiction texts. The children will continue developing phonics knowledge, practise reading fluently and with expression, write simple sentences independently, begin to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and create labels, captions, lists and short stories.

Please continue to read at home regularly and record this in your child's reading record.

## Maths

This half term we will focus on patterns and positional language. We will look at repeating patterns and giving instructions to build. We will use practical resources and games to support mathematical understanding.

## Understanding the World

Children will explore sea animals and their habitats, floating and sinking investigations, seasonal changes and summer weather, maps and seaside locations, technology and programmable toys.

## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be creating seaside artwork and collages, singing songs and rhymes, role play linked to holidays and the beach, building boats, piers and seaside structures and exploring music, movement and dance.

## Phonics

We will be developing our confidence and fluency in reading. We will also begin to read words with long vowel sounds and words with the following suffixes: 'ing' 'ed' 'est'.

We will be revising all of the tricky words taught so far and securing the spelling of these.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are proud of all the progress the children have made this year and look forward to a fantastic final half term together.

Kind regards

Mrs March and Mrs Baldwin

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