



Summer 2026 1st Half Term – Reception

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for the summer term. Last term we learnt all about 'Space' and the children were very excited about the planets, space facts and learning new vocabulary. We made aliens, planets and astronauts. The children manipulated materials to build different planets. During this topic the children learnt about the many different planets and how each planet is unique. We also had a lot of focus on the sun, moon and our planet. We learnt lots of facts such as we can't live without the sun, water and oxygen and that as the Earth orbits around the sun, it spins which creates day and night!

This term, our topic is '**This is where I am.**' We will begin with thinking about ourselves and our families, celebrating what we are good at. After this, we will look at and explore our school thinking about what makes Hilltop unique, the people who make up Hilltop and looking at plants and trees in our school grounds. We will then explore the local area and think about our community and what is in it. When doing this we will be going for local walks, looking at road signs, the post office, Dedworth library and local shops. We will then learn about the King and Windsor Castle.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As the children have made strong relationships with one another, we will encourage them to resolve conflicts by finding solutions to disagreements they may have with their friends.

Communication & Language

As the children will be introduced to prepositions, we will encourage them to use this vocabulary e.g. under, next to, behind, above etc. The children will also role-play through storytelling and work with one another to develop their vocabulary.

Physical Development

As the warm weather makes an appearance, the children will enjoy playing more outdoor sports. They will be playing football - practicing their kicking skills, tennis using their eye-hand coordination and many other ball skills. We will continue to focus on fine motor as the children begin more formal handwriting.

Literacy

As the children have learnt the sounds for this year using Letterland, we will be revising these sounds and look again at how we form letters correctly. We will focus on fine motor skills for handwriting. We will also write some sentences. We continue to work through the Letterland online readers.

Maths

The children will be learning about numbers 8 and 9 this term. We continue to look at how some numbers are made up of 5 and a bit more. We will also look at 2D shapes, the names of them and some features of these shapes.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about where we live and our community. We will be taking regular walks to see the area we live in and why people visit these places and what makes our community.

Expressive Arts

We will be exploring paint by mixing colours together, making collages by cutting and sticking and using a variety of materials. We will also be folding paper to make creations and using masking tape to attach items together.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child comes into school with a washed, filled **school** water bottle every day.
- ★ As the weather becomes warmer, please apply sun cream on your child **prior** to coming to school.
- ★ Please have a blue **school** sunhat for the warmer weather in school every day.
- ★ Please check that jumpers, sun hats etc are named as we continue to have lots of 'lost property'.