**Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter 2026**
**Reception**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. This term our Missions are 'To Infinity and Beyond', followed by 'Bugtastic'. Here is an overview of what your child will be learning this term in Reception. You can see all the things we have been doing so far this year on the Reception pages on our website: https://www.cannonlaneprimary.org/reception-8/

**Snapshot of the Reception curriculum:**

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|  | **Personal,Social and Emotional Development**<br>In class, children will continue to develop social and emotional skills and we will be following the schools new Jigsaw Curriculum in our circle times with the topics of Relationships and Healthy Me. Please ensure that your child can get dressed independently and organise his/her own equipment and personal belongings. This is an essential part of their learning and this forms part of the assessment at the end of the year. |
|  | **Communication and Language**<br>We will continue with our 'Awesome Authors' strategy and we will expect the children to start to build their own stories and facts using this structure. We will also enjoy asking and answering questions about Space and Mini-beasts and talking about the facts and information we discover. Children will continue to learn to use full, descriptive sentences, and present their ideas to the whole class. |
|  | **Physical Development**<br>PE lessons will continue this term and will focus increasingly on ball skills including dribbling and controlling a ball with our feet. We will also be practising for sports day. Children will need a PE for Sports day in their house colours. We will let you know this nearer the time. Handwriting is a focus with an emphasis on consistent letter and number formation and writing on the line. Children will also learn to handle tools with increasing control at the workbench. |
|  | **Literacy**<br>This term will use both fiction and non-fiction texts with the children. They will begin to write their own fact files for planets and the solar system. Children will continue to develop their descriptive language such as the use of adjectives when describing planets. Both the Space and Mini-beast topic allows the children to learn specific vocabulary that they will then use in their reading and writing activities.<br>In **Phonics**, children will continue to follow the Little Wandle Programme. Please use the parent section on the website for more information.<br>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ |
|  | **Maths**<br>The children will continue to develop their problem-solving skills in practical ways applying the knowledge and skills that they have learnt over the year. They will be working on number patterns within 20 and addition and subtraction facts beyond 20. Children will be using coins in their learning. Please try and make sure that children are still able to use a recognise coins as much as possible at home. |

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|  | **Understanding the World**<br>This term, the children will work on identifying the features of planets and moons. They will begin to explore some of the significant people who have helped in our understanding of space such as astronauts. The children will develop their observation, identification and classification skills for a range of plants and mini-beasts they find in the garden. They will be comparing similarities and differences and enjoying watching their own caterpillar transform! On **Friday 3rd July** the children will have 'Bugtastic Day' where they can come dressed as a bug and will have a hands-on bug handling experience! There will be a cost for this workshop. |
|  | **Expressive Arts and Design**<br>The children will continue to express their own creativity through a range of different media. They will be responding to music and art work in various ways. The children enjoy performing on our stage area outside and we really enjoy their musical and dramatic performances! They will also continue to have a weekly music lesson with Mr Nind. |

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| **Home Learning**<br>The Home Learning Matrix will be given out once every two weeks. Children should complete at least one of the activities on the matrix. These pieces of work should be uploaded to Google Classroom and the teacher will give feedback on there. |
| **Reading**<br>Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record in their Reading Diary. Your child should be reading a range of different types of texts and media including their allocated e-book. The topics this term will involve children reading lots of facts and information texts as well as reading exciting Space stories and other fiction texts. Please make sure that your child understands what they are reading by asking questions about the text. |

The children will have a trip to Ruislip Lido on **Wednesday 8th July** where they will be doing lots of fun activities. The children will begin to prepare for the transition to Year 1 by visiting the classrooms and they will also have opportunities to meet their new teacher. On **Tuesday 7th July at 2pm** there will be a transition to Year One meeting for Reception parents.

Please make sure that your child has their named water bottle and a sun hat in school. Please apply sun cream before school when required and make sure that their jumpers and cardigans are very clearly named.

As always, please do contact me via the school office if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

**Mrs Waldron**

**Assistant Headteacher**

