

Summer Term 1 in Reception

We are very proud of the progress the children have made so far this year. As we begin Summer 1, the children are settled, confident, and familiar with classroom routines and expectations. They continue to show positive behaviour, work well together, and take care of their learning environment. Friendships are developing well, and the children are growing in confidence when sharing their ideas, feelings, and needs.

This half term, we are looking forward to building on their learning across all areas of the curriculum, while continuing to develop their independence and confidence as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.

The children will continue to visit the school library each Friday to encourage a love of reading. They will also bring home RWI reading books linked to their phonics stage. Please continue to record any reading in their orange reading record so we can celebrate their achievements.

Thank you for your continued support, including providing spare clothes, raincoats, wellies, **sun cream and summer hats**. This helps us make the most of our outdoor learning, where children can explore and learn through play—even if it gets a little messy! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of the team. We are looking forward to a happy and successful half term.

Miss McGinley



Websites

[Numberblocks - BBC iPlayer](#)

[Seven Continents Song](#)

[The Solar System Song \(with lyrics\)](#)

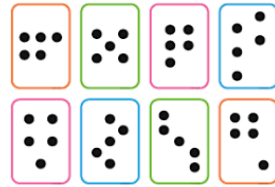
Pentland Primary School Curriculum Overview

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Maths

During Summer 1, the children will continue exploring numbers to 10, developing their understanding of number through a range of practical and engaging activities. The children will continue to strengthen their knowledge of number patterns, such as, doubles, odds and evens and equal amounts. We will also be exploring measuring.

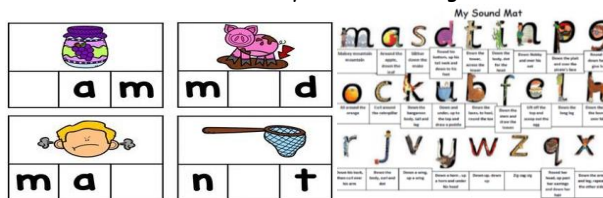


Phonics, English, Handwriting

During Summer 1, the children will continue to take part in daily phonics lessons through Read Write Inc. (RWI), developing their skills in oral and independent blending to support their reading and writing.

English will continue to be taught through Talk Through Stories, and the children are beginning to write simple sentences. Support at home would be very helpful by reminding children to start sentences with a capital letter, use finger spaces between words and finish with a full stop.

We will also continue to practise letter and number formation through our Kinetic Letters handwriting scheme, helping children build confidence and accuracy in their writing.



Foundation Subjects

Science

During Summer 1, the children will explore the topic of habitats. They will learn about different types of habitats, including woodland, ocean, and desert environments. The children will begin to understand how animals and plants live in these habitats and how they are suited to their environments, developing their knowledge of the natural world.

RE

During Summer 1, the children will learn about Islam through the topic "Let's Find Out About Islam." They will explore what a Muslim home is like, learn about prayer, and understand the importance of fasting during Ramadan. The children will also learn about the celebration of Eid ul-Fitr, helping them develop an awareness of different beliefs, traditions, and ways of life.

History

During Summer 1, the children will explore the topic "Our Celebrations." They will learn about different celebrations and begin to understand what we celebrate and why, both now and in the past. This will help them develop an awareness of traditions and how celebrations can be similar or different across time.

Art/DT

During Summer 2, the children will focus on drawing and will explore a range of creative techniques. They will: Use a variety of media to draw visual elements such as line, shape, tone, and space, take part in observational drawing of objects and simple portraits, draw from memory and imagination. These activities will support the development of their creativity and fine motor skills.

PE

This term in PE, the children will continue to develop their coordination, balance, and teamwork skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. They will build confidence in movement and continue to learn about the importance of staying active and healthy.

Music

During Summer 1, our music teacher, Miss Galloway, will continue to lead music lessons. The children will build on their listening skills, explore rhythm and sound, and continue to develop their enjoyment and appreciation of music.

Related UNCRC Articles

Article 29- A child or young person's education should help their mind, body and talents be the best they can. It should also build their respect for other people and the world around them.