

EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026 TERM 5



Term 5 Highlights

Our learning journey in term 5 gave us a deep dive into what happens on the farm. The children loved learning about farm animals, closely linked to our wonderful core text **'What the Ladybird Heard'** by Julia Donaldson. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning the Makaton signs for the farm animals featured in the story and joining in with all of the fun animal sounds.

The ladybird artwork created by the children was exceptional. The care taken to capture the key features of a ladybird and the application of watercolour to bring their sketches to life was beautiful to observe. We hope their finished pieces have pride of place at home! Well done everyone!

The children read the traditional tale **'Jack and the Beanstalk'** and enjoyed planting their own bean, just like Jack.



Support your Child

- Read with them as often as possible.
- Encourage correct letter formation.
- Practice number bonds to 10.
- Enjoy learning about sea creatures with National Geographic kids.
- Talk to and get excited with your child about year 1!

Upcoming Events

- Monday 15th June - Class Photos
- Saturday 20th June - PTA School Summer Fete
- Wednesday 1st July - Yr R Transition morning to Year 1
- Friday 10th July - Sports Day
- Wednesday 15th July - Sea Creature Sashay from 2pm parents invited (more details to follow).

Remember

- Summer hats or caps.
- Suncream.
- Rain Mac / Light waterproof jacket.
- No sunglasses (unless prescription).

TERM 6



Commotion in the Ocean

For this final term of Year R, in Literacy we are diving into our learning with our splashily exciting topic 'Commotion in the Ocean'! To kick off, we will be exploring the 'villains of our sea' (sharks) and discovering just what amazing creatures they are! We will be using the wonderful text 'Surprising Sharks' written by Zoologist Nicola Davies, which is packed with incredible facts about sharks and their habitats.



Later in the term, we will move on to Julia Donaldson's wonderful storybook 'Tiddler' which will become the basis for us to produce some super sentences including description and ambitious vocabulary.



In **Maths**, we will be working on developing a deeper understanding of the components of numbers to 10. We will be working with ten frames, rekenreks and playing games to help children develop a 'mental number line' of numbers to 10.



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Learning & Creating

In **Understanding the World**, we will be learning all about the fascinating creatures, jellyfish and octopus. We will also explore the concept of 'Plastic in our Oceans' and learn how we can help to improve marine conditions by recycling single use plastics.



In Expressive Art and Design, we will be using recycled plastics to create some impressive pieces of artwork including sharks and jellyfish.

The final part of this term will focus on 'The History of Pirates'. We will be looking back to the time of pirates, considering the differences between 'now' and 'then'. We will look carefully at pirate ships and modern-day ships comparing and contrasting similarities and differences. We will be creating our very own pirate names and turning photographs of ourselves into fearsome pirates!



So, Batten Down the Hatches and let the learning begin!





DOWN ON THE FARM PHOTOS

