



Reception Learning Letter

Friday 15th May 2026

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When we return after the half term break, we will turn our attention to getting the children ready for the move to Year 1. Thank you for helping us to make this transition positive for the children, by continuing to support them. Putting coats and shoes on independently will really help the children, as will listening to them read every day at home. We will of course, be supporting these skills (and more!) in school too. As part of the transition, Owls parents will be invited to visit Leigh base on the evening of Tuesday 16th June. In addition, Owls class will spend the day at the Leigh base on 25th June, with all their adults from Betchworth. All children will spend a day in their new classes on Wednesday 1st July.

Our final topic of the year is the Seaside and we will be sharing our last curriculum day together, at the Betchworth site, on Monday 13th July. Full details to follow.

Over the last two weeks, we have ...

- Developed our learning using Percy the Park Keeper stories and the story of Pig in the Pond
- Considered how we can improve our learning by evaluating our work.
- Reinforced our learning with numbers to 20 through games
- Enjoyed building shelters for animals, linked to Percy the Park Keeper

Next week, we will...

- Learn about farm animals and machinery
- Consolidate phase 3 letters and sounds
- 'Perfect' our Maypole dance in readiness for our performance on the green
- Revise number bonds to 10
- Complete our Jigsaw unit on Relationships, thinking about what makes a good friend

Reminders and requests

Sports Morning is on Thursday 18th June at the Brockham site. We have already started practising for the events and hope you are able to join us for the morning.

As the weather improves, please remember to apply suncream before coming to school.

Please see the attached information on our PSHE topic for next term, Relationships.

Jigsaw - Changing Me

This term, we are teaching and learning the final PSHE JIGSAW topic called 'Changing Me'. It covers age appropriate teaching on puberty and sex education. Please read the knowledge organisers for each year group outlining the key vocabulary relevant to each year group and gives you the opportunity to discuss at home.

There are specific lessons taught in Y5 - Y6 which you have the right to withdraw your child from which are highlighted in red below. Have a chat with your teacher if you would like to see any teaching materials beforehand.

Y5 lesson 4, conception

Y6 lesson 3 conception and birth

Puberty and Human Reproduction in Jigsaw 3 - 11		
Reception	Growing Up	How we have changed since we were babies
Year 1	My changing body	Understanding that growing and changing is natural and happens to everybody at different rates.
	Boys' and girls' bodies	Appreciating the parts of the bodies that make us different and using the correct names for them.
Year 2	The changing me	Where I am on the journey from young to old, and what changes I can be proud of?
	Boys and girls	Differences between boys and girls - how do we feel about them? Which parts of me are private?
Year 3	Outside body changes	How our bodies need to change so they can make babies when we grow up - outside changes and how we feel about them.
	Inside body changes	How our bodies need to change so they can make babies when we grow up - inside changes and how we feel about them.
	Personal hygiene	How our bodies change at puberty and keeping clean and healthy.
Year 4	Puberty and menstruation	How a girl's body changes so that she can have a baby when she's an adult - including menstruation.
	Emotions during puberty	Coping strategies to deal with physical and emotional changes during puberty
Year 5	Puberty for girls	Physical changes and feels about them - importance of looking after yourself (animations used - the Female Reproductive System)
	Puberty for boys	Developing understanding of changes for both sexes - reassurance and exploring feelings (animations used - the Male Reproductive System)
	Conception Human Reproduction	Understanding the place of sexual intercourse in a relationship and how it can lead to conception and the wonder of a new life (animations used - the Female and Male Reproductive Systems)
Year 6	Puberty	Consolidating understanding of physical and emotional during puberty.
	Babies Conception to birth Human Reproduction	How a baby develops from conception, pregnancy stages to birth and how it is born. Reflect on how personal feelings regarding development and birth of a baby.

If you have any feedback or would like to discuss further, please email Mrs Boyer, our PSHE Lead, via: PSHE@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk