

Term 6 - Traditional Tales

Maths

This half term, your child will be diving into the exciting world of **patterns and spatial reasoning**! We'll start by exploring repeating patterns, helping them to **identify, create, and explore their own pattern rules**. Then, we'll move on to understanding **position and space**. Your child will learn to **replicate and build scenes, visualise objects from different positions, and describe where things are**. We'll also be giving and following **instructions to build**, and exploring how to **represent familiar places and story situations on maps**.

Phonics

Get ready for some exciting phonics progress!
We'll be continuing to reinforce our **Phase 3 sounds and high-frequency words**, ensuring a solid base for reading. This term, we're thrilled to introduce **Phase 4**, a crucial step towards Year 1.

In Phase 4, children will become experts at blending and segmenting longer words that have adjacent consonants, such as 'stop' and 'nest' (with the 'st' sound), and 'tree' and 'train' (with the 'tr' sound). What's more, we'll keep practicing how to read those longer, more complex **polysyllabic words**, building their fluency and confidence.

Key Dates

Monday, June 23rd: Sports Day starting at 9:30 AM (Keymer Close entrance)

Friday, July 4th: Reception School Trip to Blackberry Farm

Friday, July 4th: Race for Life 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Friday, July 11th: Reception Disco from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

End of Term Celebration: Date to be confirmed (TBC)

Key Messages

As the weather warms up, please ensure your child comes to school each morning with **all-day sunscreen already applied**. We also ask that they bring a **named sunhat** and a **named water bottle** (filled with water only, please) every day. If your child requires a sunscreen top-up, they can bring a **named bottle of sunscreen** to school, and they will be able to reapply it themselves at lunchtime.

Literacy

Get ready for some storytelling magic! This term, our students will embark on an exciting journey through **traditional tales**. We'll be exploring classics such as *The Three Little Pigs*, *The Gingerbread Man*, and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. As we read, the children will learn about the essential elements of a story, understanding how narratives unfold with a **beginning, middle, and end**. They'll have fantastic opportunities to unleash their creativity by using **story language** to craft their own unique stories and even act them out collaboratively in groups.

This term in PE, we're excited to dive into **athletics**! The children will be developing fundamental skills like **running, throwing, and jumping**, which are essential for many sports. We'll also begin preparing for our much-anticipated **Sports Day** by taking part in various mini-races, helping everyone feel ready and confident for the big event!