

Curriculum Letter for YR - Summer Term 2 2026

General Information

Well, time really does fly when you are having fun! As always, we have lots to fit into the final weeks of this academic year. We have made a few changes to our daily routine to help the children with their transition to Year 1. Towards the end of the term, we will have a few visits to our new classrooms and will meet our new teachers too.

We are very grateful for your termly class fund contributions. We would really appreciate your summer term payment as this will help to pay for essential equipment, such as sand for our sand pit and cooking ingredients.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is **Healthy Humans**. We will look at what we need to grow big and strong through healthy eating and exercise and how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. We will also be talking about how humans change as they grow older. Please take a look at our new **Knowledge Organiser** on Tapestry.

Our core books are *Oliver's Vegetables* and *Oliver's Fruit Salad* by Vivian French, which we will link to all areas of learning, as well as including some fun cooking tasks.

Knowledge & Understanding of the World:

We will be carrying out a study of a different locality, by going on a virtual African Adventure! Our core text is *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

This half term, the children will learn how to look after themselves through exercise, mindfulness, eating a balanced diet and caring for themselves.

Literacy:

This term focuses on reinforcing the phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs we have already covered, by building on the children's ability to segment and blend longer words. We will be recapping our root word endings, *-er*, *-ed* *-ing* and *-est*. We will be encouraging the children to develop their fluency by moving away from sounding out each word and using the 'sound in your head' technique.

There are no new tricky words, so our focus shifts to learning to spell the most common tricky words from memory. We will be completing more writing activities, encouraging the children to apply their phonic knowledge to write a sequence of sentences. 'Have a go' writing is really important, lots of play-based writing will be encouraged, so the children gain confidence to engage in writing activities, even if they do not know how to spell a word.

Mathematics:

We continue to use the Mathematics Mastery scheme. This half term we will be finding one more/one greater than a number within 20 and one fewer/one less than a number within 20. This will be followed by number patterns to 20, where we will be solving practical problems that involve combining groups of 2, 5 or 10, or sharing into equal groups. We will be recognising the value of coins and exploring different combinations of for a given total up to 10p. We will be revisiting the capacities of objects and using the correct vocabulary as well as measuring objects using non-standard units in both weight and capacity.

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Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, as part of our African adventure, we will be using paint and collage to make different animal fur patterns. We will also be learning songs linked to our topic of Healthy Humans and having fun using a range of percussion instruments. We have Arts Week, and we have lots of exciting art, music, drama, poetry and dance activities planned.

Physical Development:

Outdoor PE is timetabled for **Friday** with Coach Kymani. All children must wear their PE kits to school. As our topic is Healthy Humans, we will be doing lots of exercise using our garden areas, the school field and the fixed equipment on the playground.

Reading

We hope that you have enjoyed listening to your child read to you at home and can see how the regular reading in school is helping develop confidence and fluency. **Home reading books will continue to be set as eBooks this term** with library books sent home weekly, to encourage reading for pleasure. All children take part in daily reading sessions appropriate to their level. Your continued support at home with learning sounds and tricky words is very much appreciated.

Homework

Homework is set each Friday on Tapestry and this is linked to the learning that has taken place during the school week. It will either be an activity set on Busy Things, or a task which we will send home in book bags. Please give us a 'like' 👍 on Tapestry, it's always encouraging to know that you are reading our messages.

Key Dates

Arts Week	Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th June
Sports Day	Thursday 23 rd June (morning)
PTA Festival on the Field	Saturday 27 th June
Open Afternoon	Friday 3 rd July (after school)
RB Story Café	Thursday 9 th July 3 p.m. main hall
RW Story Café	Friday 10 th July 3 p.m. main hall
End of term	Friday 17 th July 2 p.m. finish