



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 13th April 2026

Welcome back to all of our wonderful children and families. We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break.

We will be starting our brand new topic of 'Habitats' this half term. This week we will making a mini beast habitat in our outdoor area. We will also be exploring our new investigation area role play as we set it up this week.

We will be starting a new book 'The Gruffalo'. We will be listening and joining in with the story adding in actions and recalling some of the rhyming words. We will begin to explore the story using our tuff tray.

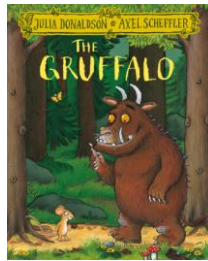
In RE we will be continuing to learn about Holy week and the events that happened before Good Friday.

Focus words this week: Easter, Habitat, Minibeast, Insect, Change

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Gruffalo



Maths Focus: Counting on



Play a game of skittles with your child.

Encourage them first to subitise how many are knocked down, record the score and add the points!



Rhyme of the Week:

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, Wiggle Wiggle
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, Wiggle Wiggle
There's a tiny caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar,
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, Wiggle Wiggle

He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, Munch!

He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, Munch!

He will eat the leaves around him, eat the leaves around him,
He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, Munch!

A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home, Spin, Spin!
A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home, Spin, Spin! A cocoon is
what he's spinning, A cocoon is what he's spinning,
A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home, Spin, Spin!

He will be a butterfly and flap like this, Flap Flap! He will be a
butterfly and flap like this, Flap Flap! He will be a butterfly, He will
be a butterfly, He will be a butterfly and flap like this, Flap
Flap!

Story Time

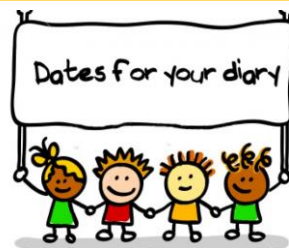
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

1000 story books are available for your child to
change any time.



This week the children will:

- Welcome each other back to school and share any news
- Easter bonnet parade
- Listen to and talk about the Easter story
- Begin our new talk 4 writing book (The Gruffalo) and begin to learn some actions
- Look for animals around us and the places that they live also noticing the changing signs of the season happening around us.
- Create a habitat for insects outside on a large scale.
- Play in our new role play area - investigating mini beasts!
- See how our vegetables and plants have grown over the Easter holiday
- Know what habitat means by exploring outdoors and looking at photos
- Writing labels, lists and information linked to our new topic
- Sorting animals into their habitats
- Creating a tuff tray to tell the story of 'The Gruffalo' in their own words



Monday 13th April School re-opens for the Summer Term

Monday 13th April KS2 Egg Diorama Competition EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet parade at 2:50pm

Thursday 16th April National Offer Day for Reception Places for September 2026

Thursday 23rd April St George's Day - Members of St George's house can wear own clothes to school

Saturday 25th May School & Parish Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Darlaston at 4pm – all welcome

Friday 1st May Whole School Mass in School to celebrate the feast of St Joseph's the Worker at 2.30pm – parents and carers welcome

Monday 4th May BANK HOLIDAY – School closed

Friday 22nd May Break up for half term

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May School Closed for half term