



## Sport, Geography and Diversity week

This week in Reception we have been celebrating our exciting Sports, Geography and Diversity Week.

We began with a special assembly to introduce the week, where we talked about how each year group is learning about a different country to explore its culture, traditions and way of life, and to compare it with where we live. We also discussed our Sports Week events, including Sports Day, and reminded the children that it is not about winning or losing but about trying their best and being proud of their own achievements. We linked this to the World Cup, talking about how it brings people from many different countries together and celebrates diversity in a wonderful way.

In class, we have had lots of fun learning about our focus country, Morocco. The children enjoyed comparing Morocco's hot desert climate with our greener environment and learning about the animals that live there. They explored Moroccan architecture by designing and building their own structures in the construction area, and created beautiful artwork inspired by Moroccan patterns, including weaving paper mats and making clay tiles. We also experienced the smells of Morocco at our spice station and explored the outdoors by making mint tea and potions using real herbs. The children loved making music using instruments, pretending to explore the Sahara Desert in our role play area, and practising football skills in our penalty shoot-out area. Throughout the week, we have also focused on sportsmanship, fairness and mindfulness to help us stay calm and ready for our events.

Sports Day was a huge success and we are incredibly proud of all the children's effort and behaviour. They showed great determination in the running and obstacle races, improved their throwing in the javelin, balanced carefully in the egg and spoon race, and aimed brilliantly in the beanbag activities.

Thank you to all the families who came along to support us—we had a wonderful day and loved sharing it with you.



## Tempest Martial arts and Dance workshops

We were also very lucky to take part in two fantastic workshops this week.

Tempest Martial Arts visited us and taught the children some exciting new techniques, focusing on movement, balance and keeping fit. The children listened carefully and showed great control as they practised their skills.

We also welcomed a dance teacher who worked with the children to learn a series of moves and perform a routine together.

The children showed excellent listening, concentration and enthusiasm, and were incredibly proud to perform their completed dance. We were very impressed with their confidence and ability to learn something new so quickly!

A huge thank you to our special visitors for giving their time to inspire us all—there may be some future dancers and martial artists in the making!



## Rockpool School

We were also very lucky to welcome Nicola from Rockpool School, who visited us with some of her fascinating rockpool creatures.

Nicola began by telling us all about the different animals she had brought and explained how we needed to handle them carefully and respectfully.

The children were then able to meet the creatures up close, explore their habitats and even have a gentle hold. There was great excitement when a little hermit crab popped out of its shell to say hello, and we were amazed by the unusual appearance of the sea urchin!

We also enjoyed a lovely craft activity inspired by rockpools and the story *Sharing a Shell*. We will continue exploring this story next week as we begin to learn more about other under-the-sea creatures.

A big thank you to Nicola for coming in and sharing her wonderful friends with us!



## Important diary dates and information

30.6.26 - New to Year One, Meet the Teacher evening 3.30-4.30pm

1.7.26- Whole school transition day.

3.7.26- Summer Fair- 3:30pm

8.7.26- Reports sent out

### Summer reading Challenge

The North Tyneside Summer Reading Challenge launches in libraries on **Saturday 11 July 2026**. This year's music-inspired theme, "Read to the Beat," invites children aged 4 to 11 to read six books over three library visits to earn rewards. The theme encourages the children to make connections between stories and songs and how both can ignite imagination and creativity!

See the website link below to sign up! We'd love to see some certificates and medals in September and hear about the books the children read.

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)



17.7.26- School closes for summer Holidays

1.9.26- Teacher training day

2.9.26- First day of Year 1 😊

### Reminders:

- **School Dinners** - Please remember to have a quick chat with your child each morning about what they might like for their school dinner. This helps them feel more confident when making their choice in school. We also gently encourage children to try new foods, helping them to develop a healthy and varied diet.
- **Home learning Journals**-We will be collecting the children's yellow journals in on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Reading folders**- Please ensure your child's reading folder is in their book bag every day. We change books usually on a Monday and Friday, but we sometimes get a chance to read with your child through the week too. **Please can we remind parents/ carers to record in their child's journal when you have read with your child at home too.**
- **Labelling items of clothing**- Please can you ensure all items of clothing including sun hats, shoes, jumpers/cardigans and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name.
- **Cool Milk.** Please remember that your child/ children are not eligible for free school milk after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you would like your child to continue having milk at school, you must contact Cool Milk directly at least two weeks before their birthday.



Have a lovely weekend.

The Reception Team 😊