

It has been a quieter week in Reception as we settled back into our routines after our fabulous Enrichment Week. Our learning has continued to build on the wonderful visit from *Rockpool School*, and the children have enjoyed exploring what they already know about the coast and the special seaside environment we live near. We talked about how exciting it can be to visit St Mary's Lighthouse at low tide and explore the rockpools — spotting tiny crabs scuttling sideways, smooth shiny seaweed, limpets clinging tightly to the rocks, and shells with different patterns and textures. The children loved describing what they might see, hear and feel on a real rockpool adventure, and families may enjoy taking a visit of their own to see how many creatures they can find together.



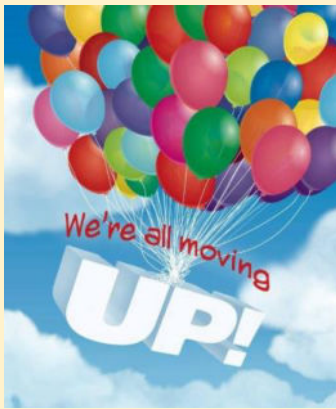
We also spent time reflecting on our visit from the RNLI last week. The children talked about how to stay safe in and around the water — remembering to swim between the red and yellow flags, stay close to a grown-up, avoid using inflatables in the sea, call for help if needed, and use the floating position to keep themselves safe.



After an especially hot spell, we have also been thinking about how to stay safe in the sun. The children have been learning about the importance of wearing sunscreen and a sunhat, drinking plenty of water, finding shade when they need it, and slowing down or resting when they feel too hot. Thank you for continuing to send your child in with a hat and for ensuring they arrive at school with an all-day sunscreen already applied — it makes a real difference in keeping everyone safe and comfortable.



This week we also caught up with Donya for an update from Peacock Farm and everything that has been happening since we watched the video she shared last term about the new chicks hatching. The children loved seeing how much had changed, especially hearing the latest news about the newly hatched chicks on the farm. They immediately made connections to our own school chicks from last half term and confidently recalled their observations and experiences. Donya then introduced us to the chickens on the farm, explaining that they enjoy eating worms, grass, wheat and pretty much anything they can get their beaks into. She told the children that chickens are carnivores, which sparked lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions. After watching them scratch and peck around their enclosure, we went on to meet the ducks—familiar faces we had first seen as tiny chicks during our video link earlier in the year. Now much bigger, they were happily keeping cool by paddling in the water and resting in the shade. We also got to see the tractor that cuts the grass down and the huge attachment that binds the grass into bales, which fascinated the children and helped them understand more about how the farm is maintained.



Transition Day 30th June

Next Tuesday the children will be taking part in their Transition Day, where they will spend the day in Year 1. They will have the chance to meet their new teachers, Ms Cassidy and Mrs Pringle, explore their new classroom and begin getting to know the routines they will follow in September. For many children, it's the small things that can feel the biggest — wondering where to put their coat and bag, where the toilets are, where to fill their water bottle, where they will sit, or even whether PE will still be on the same day. These are all perfectly normal thoughts for five-year-olds, and spending time in their new space with our wonderful Year 1 team will help everything feel familiar and manageable. We want this to be a really positive experience for every child, and we have encouraged them to share any questions they may have before or after Transition Day — there is never a wrong question, and every thought they have is important.

Transition can feel overwhelming for some children, so gentle reassurance at home over the next few days will really help. On the day, the children will come into school and be collected at the same time and place, from our Reception entrance gate. After registration, we will go into the hall for a short assembly before leaving with our new teachers for the day. At the end of the afternoon, the children will return to their Reception classrooms, where we will share stories about their time in Year 1 and get ready for home time together. Thank you for your continued support — it makes such a difference as the children take this exciting next step.

Reading Folders to be collected in before the summer holidays

We will be collecting all reading folders on **Monday 13th July**, so please make sure that books and reading records are in your child's bag that morning. We will continue to read with the children in school, but no further books will be sent home that week. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given at home when listening to your child read — it makes such a difference to their confidence and progress. When the children move into Year 1, they will continue to follow the RWInc phonics scheme and will bring home books that match their reading level. Over the summer holidays, please keep reading going by revisiting the ditty sheets we have sent home, enjoying favourite storybooks together, and practising decoding phonically decodable words. The *Phonics Play* website is also a great resource, with interactive games such as *Buried Treasure* [Buried Treasure](#)



Important diary dates and information

30.6.26 - New to Year One, Meet the Teacher evening 3.30-4.30pm- **'Visit your new classroom and meet your new teacher' event Year 1-4, pupils and parents.**

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 29th June.
- **Cool Milk**. Please remember that your child/ children are not eligible for free school milk after their 5th 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 😊