



September 2026

Dear Wren Class Families,

Welcome to Term One! We hope you all had a wonderful Summer. We're really looking forward to getting to know each of you and your wonderful children as we begin this exciting new chapter together.

We understand that starting school is a huge milestone for our Reception children. These first few weeks are all about helping them settle into the new routine and feel happy and secure in their new environment. To support this transition, we are providing plenty of time for the children to explore, build relationships, and begin to feel part of Wren Class. We have paired each of our Reception children with a Year Six Buddy who is there to support them during lunchtime in the hall and when playing in the big playground. We are carefully introducing new routines and experiences at a gentle pace, so the children don't feel overwhelmed — and we are already so proud of the confidence and enthusiasm they are showing.

Our Learning

We have lots of exciting learning planned this term! The children will explore and talk about a variety of animals, noticing similarities and differences in their appearance. They will also learn about the season of Autumn and how it changes the world around them.

Throughout the term, children will learn about themselves, exploring who they are, what makes them unique, and the people and things that are important to them.

Our key text in Literacy will be "*Food Fight*." The story revolves around the Fruits and Vegetables, who have been fighting for what seems like forever! However, best friends Grape and Mushroom decide it's time for a change. In secret, they devise a plan to end the fighting once and for all. Their journey takes them to the very top of the fridge, where they hope to seek advice from the legendary Wise Old Cheese—if he even exists.



For more information about how our learning fits together this term please visit our learning web on our SMS website.

Routines

Weekly PE lessons will be on Monday and Fridays this term. On these days, we kindly ask that children please come to school in their PE kit instead of their uniform.

At South Moreton, children benefit from additional '**enhanced**' PE sessions, which are **additional** to their usual PE timetable. Each half term, they will have an enhanced PE session focused on one of the school's

core sports, delving deeper into the skills and tactics, and building into experiences of gameplay. This term will focus on football. The date will be confirmed nearer the time.

Reading and how you can help at home

At South Moreton Primary School we begin each new academic year encouraging our families to establish a regular reading routine. **Reading will make the biggest difference to your child's learning.** We do not set homework but instead ask that you listen to your child read **daily** - little and often is key. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

In Wren Class we will listen to your child read every week in school. We are currently assessing the children and will begin to send home reading materials tailored to your child's individual needs. Please return books and reading records on **Fridays** so we can send home new ones.

Active Learn <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> is a fantastic resource that supports your child's phonics learning at home. Through this platform, I can allocate phonics lessons and activities for the children to practise and enjoy. I'll be setting up logins and will share your child's details with you as soon as possible.



Enrichment activities for this term (optional)

Growth Mindset	Animal Spotters	Go on a Local Area Adventure
Talk about a simple goal you would like to achieve this academic year. What is something you would like to get better at? It might be putting on your coat, practising writing your name, tidying up by yourself, or trying new activities with confidence. Think about how practising helps you learn and how small steps can help you reach your goal.	With your grown-up, look for different animals in your home, garden, books or on a walk. How many different animals can you find? Can you sort them into groups in your own way? Perhaps animals that fly, swim, walk or crawl. Can you draw your favourite animal and tell us something you know about it?	With your grown-up, go for a walk around your local area and see what familiar places and special features you can spot. Can you find somewhere you visit regularly, such as a park, shop, post box or bus stop? Draw a picture of your favourite place and tell your grown-up why it is special to you.

Personal Belongings

Please keep the items that children bring into school to a minimum. Your child will only need a **waterproof coat and a labelled drink bottle each day**, which can be easily carried to and from school. We will be sending reading books and diaries home in a South Moreton book bag, which children will place in the reading box when they bring it to school. **This means there is no need for a separate school bag**, and you will have seen that we have already struggled with space in our cloakroom area. **Please can we request that children don't bring a school bag to school each day.** Thank you for your understanding.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Miss Pokorna and Mrs Higgins

Wren Class Teachers