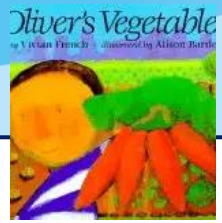
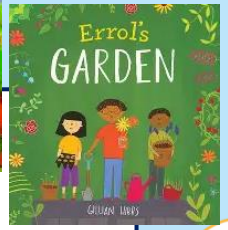
Newsletter

Class Ahlberg/Donaldson
Sumer Term 1 2026





Curriculum overview

Next half-term we will be learning all about growing. The children will explore how plants, fruit and vegetables grow through stories such as Oliver's Vegetables, Errol's Garden and What's in My Lunchbox?. They will have opportunities to plant seeds, observe changes over time and talk about what plants need to grow. We will also be exploring healthy eating, sorting different foods and discussing where they come from. Through creative activities, outdoor learning and hands-on exploration, the children will develop their understanding of growth, change and looking after living things.

Rocket Readers

Your child needs to be reading 3 times a week. This is vital for their progress in all areas of the curriculum! We are aiming for Reception to have 100% rocket readers! This term only 64% of children in Donaldson were rocket readers and 58% in Ahlberg. ☹

Please read with your child, ask them questions, discuss their book and record in their reading journal to bring back to school everyday.

Personal Development

Every half term, we are learning all about Oasis' 9 habits. Last half term we focused on 'Forgiving and considerate'. This half term we are going to focus on the following:

Home learning

Help at home by….

- **Reading 3 times a week and recording in their reading journal!**
- **Ensuring that your child completes their homework when it is set as this will support their learning.**
- **Help your child to learn the sounds that we are learning in phonics.**

Recommended websites:
- **www.bbc.co.uk/education**
- **www.topmarks.co.uk/**
- **https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources**
- **https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3**

Recommended apps (All free!)

Good News

Reception have been super busy this term, exploring lots of hands-on learning linked to our seasonal and nature themes. The children went on an exciting minibeast hunt, searching for worms, beetles and tiny creatures in our outdoor area. They also made their own spring soup using natural materials, which sparked brilliant imaginative play. In class, the children have been creating caterpillars and printing beautiful butterflies using sponges, experimenting with mixing colours and exploring different textures. It's been a wonderfully creative and active term, full of curiosity and discov

Maths and English

Next term in maths, the children will be developing their problem-solving and reasoning skills. They will explore shape, space and pattern, work with teen numbers, and learn about measures through practical activities. We will also be introducing simple time concepts, helping the children sequence events and use everyday time language.

Events and Key Dates

Tuesday 21st April – Parent event 2:15pm

4th May 2026 – Public/Bank holiday