



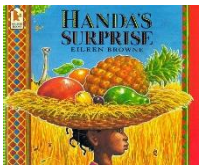
Little Hadham
Primary School
"Believing and Achieving"

Early Years Summer Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a happy and healthy Easter break and are ready and eager to go this Summer Term.

Our learning environment at school has undergone significant positive changes over the last few years. This year, we have been refreshing our fine motor and literacy resources, with an increased focus on developing handwriting skills. We have also been tweaking and refining our phonics provision and teaching to suit the needs of the children. In addition, we have been focusing on ensuring our outside provision is enticing and engaging, and have recently revamped the water area to elicit problem solving and critical thinking from the children. Going forward, we are hoping to further enhance our outside sand provision.



To start the new term, we have based our provision on the theme of Paws, Claws and Roars! Our key text for teacher-directed learning is currently Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne. After half term, we will be reading Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers, which we hope will inspire our little eco warriors! As ever, if your children are engaged with a particular story or theme, please do let us know! These windows of engagement are very precious vehicles for learning.



Phonics will continue for both Ash and Saplings. Saplings will now start to explore blending through games, movement and stories, and Ash will be continuing to strengthen, develop and acquire new special friends, as well as building their knowledge of sentence reading and writing.

A few things to note:



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Please keep posting on Tapestry! Your input is really appreciated and encouraged, so please do keep sharing those wonderful moments with us.

Please do check to see if the names in clothing are still visible and have not fallen off or come off in the wash. It is also very useful to have named spare items of clothing too; thank you for your help with this.

Do check our class pages for fortnightly blog posts, and also information about our curriculum:

You can find the Ash page here: <https://littlehadham.herts.sch.uk/pupils/ash/>

You can find the Saplings page here: <https://littlehadham.herts.sch.uk/pupils/saplings/>

We will be doing gymnastics in place of yoga this term, every other Tuesday. Please make sure hair is tied back (this is important every day).

We will be having our school trip to Great Notley on June the 24th. Please keep your eyes peeled for permission forms and trip information in the coming weeks.



Lastly, we do ask for a £5 voluntary contribution each term just to help us with the small incidental things like ingredients for playdough/cooking, sensory items and also things specific to the children's interests. Thank you so much for your support with this. Your generosity has made such a huge impact, and made enhancements like those detailed above possible.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead!

The Early Years Team