



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2025/2026



Key dates

Monday 15th September – Meet the Teacher

Time: 3:15 – 4:00

Notices and Reminders

- PE days – Tuesday. Children to come into school in their PE kits on this day.
- Books will be changed every Friday.
- Homework will be set on Fridays and due in the following Friday.
- Please can children come to school with a named water bottle.
- All stationary is provided by the school – pencil cases are not needed.

Phonics

This half term in phonics, the children will be revising the phase 5 sounds:

<ay>, <ou>, <ie>, <ea>, <oy>, <ir>, <ue>, <aw>, <wh>, <ph>, <ew>, <oe>



Writing

This half term in writing, the children will be learning some stories by heart. They will then write them using their phonics and then do some simple editing.

The texts the children will learn are:

- The Three Little Pigs
- Pigs



Maths

This half term in maths, the children will be learning to count forwards and backwards, sorting and grouping objects and learning how to find one more and one less of a given number to ten.

They will finish the term by learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



Science

This half term in science, the children will be learning about the weather and the seasons. They will talk about and compare weather using terms such as cloudy, sunny, hot and will learn that there are 4 seasons and that each season has its own weather pattern and temperature.



Geography

The big question this half term is 'Where do we live?'. The children will be looking at maps and beginning to understand how to locate and describe physical and human features. The children will learn how to use directional language to describe the location of a feature on a map.



Art

This half term in art, the focus is drawing. The children will learn what a drawing is and will explore the use of tone and texture using a variety of different materials. They will then use these new skills to create observational drawings of natural objects.



PE

This half term in PE, the children will be learning about how exercise changes how our bodies feel and what to do if we feel hot or out of breath. As the children develop their sense of space, they will learn to master the underarm and overarm throw. They will learn to catch by forming a nest shape with their hands, how to kick a stationary ball towards a target and how to pass to a partner in different ways.



RE

This half term in RE, the children will be learning about places of worship and the definition of religion. They will be finding out about a church, a mosque and a synagogue in more detail. They will be using their 5 senses to describe what it is like inside each of these buildings.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, the children will be learning some key words to help them understand what is the same and different about ourselves. They will explore what their likes, dislikes and strengths are and how these make us all unique.



Homework

Maths home work will be set every Friday and due in the following Friday.

Children will receive a reading book and diary. Please read 5 times a week and record in the reading diary.

Books will be changed every Friday.

Suggested books for reading

