



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

- Please ensure all children have coats with them.
- Reading book and diaries to be returned every week on FRIDAY
- Homework can come back Monday - Friday

Phonics

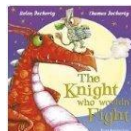
In phonics the children will be learning these Phase 5 sounds:

/or/ <au>, /ee/ <ey>, /ai/ <a-e>, /ee/ <e-e>, /igh/ <l-e>, /oa/ <o-e>, /oo/ /y+oo/ <u-e>, /s/ <c>, /ee/ <y>, and /or/ <al>.

They are learning to read the harder to read and spell words: please, once, any, many, again, who, whole, where, two.

Writing

This half term, the writing that the children will be doing will be based on two fiction texts: Supertato and The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight. They will learn the texts, innovate and write the texts and then learn language features. Simple editing skills will be taught throughout the lessons. The main focus will be for the children to be using capital letters, finger spaces and punctuation marks correctly.



Key dates

Half term- Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October (2 weeks)

Nativity dress rehearsal 4th December

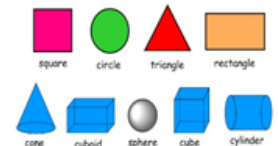
Flu immunisations and Height and weight checks- Friday 6th November.

Individual Photos- 25th November

Last Day of Autumn term 2- 18th December

Maths

This half term the children will continue to learn strategies for addition and subtraction. They will use resources such as counters, tens frames and part-whole models to support. The children will also learn how to recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes. They will use this knowledge to help them with identifying and creating their own patterns.



Science

This half term the children will be exploring different materials and comparing their properties. They will use terminology such as transparent, opaque, hard, soft, rigid and flexible. The children will carry out an investigation about absorption and find out which brand of kitchen roll is the most absorbent!



Geography

This half term the children will be exploring the big question 'What are the world's continents and oceans?' The children will learn about the seven continents and five oceans, before identifying them on maps, globes and atlases. They will explore some features of each continent and learn how to identify their surrounding oceans.



DT

This half term the children will be making fruit smoothies. They will start by learning all about fruits and vegetables, including how they grow. They will then learn how to prepare fruit safely, whilst having the opportunity to taste a variety of fruits before using a recipe to make their own fruit smoothies.



PE

This half term the children will be dancing their way through PE! They will be learning how to travel safely from one place to another, jumping and balancing. They will then be learning dance sequences using a series of movements to some amazing songs!



Computing

This term the children will be learning how to use technology responsibly. They will identify different types of information technology and learn how these can help them. In the lessons the children will use iPads, exploring how to open/close tabs and how to type.



PSHE

The children will be learning how to stay healthy this half term. They will be looking at what a healthy diet is and sorting healthy and less healthy foods. They will then be thinking about how to keep their bodies and minds healthy. They will be focusing on things they can do to help their minds stay happy and healthy.



Homework

Homework will be sent home every Friday and will be due back the following Thursday.

Children will receive a reading book and diary. Please listen to your child read at least 5 times a week and record these reading sessions in the reading diary.

Suggested books for reading

