



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1—2025/2026



Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary
- Reading books will be changed weekly on a Friday.
- Homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and is due back the following Tuesday.
- Library books will normally be changed on a Monday.

Phonics

The children will be learning alternative spellings for previously taught sounds:

/ai/ <a>, <ey>, <ea>, <eigh>, /ar/ <a> /ee/ <e>, <I>, <y>, /ur/ <or>, /ur/ <ear>, /oo/ <ou>, /oa/ <ou>, /ee/ <ie>, /v/ <ve>, /i/ <y> ,/air/ <are>, <ere> , <ear>, /ch/ <tch>

The children are learning to read the harder to read and spell words:

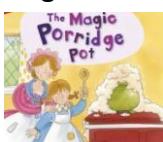
here, sugar, friend, because.



Writing

This half term, in writing, the children will be learning some stories by heart following the talk for writing approach. They will have the opportunity to create their own simple text maps before writing their own versions of each text. The texts the children will learn are:

- Brave Knights (non-fiction)
- The Magic Porridge Pot



Key dates

January 2026

- Monday 5th Jan - INSET DAY (school closed to children)
- Tuesday 6th Jan - back to school

February 2026

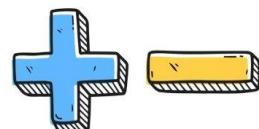
- Friday 6th February: Own Clothes Day (for Valentine's tombola donation)
- Friday 13th February: Valentine's Cake Sale and Tombola
- 16th to 20th February - Half Term Holidays

Please refer to the school newsletter regularly as more dates and events will be added!

Maths

This half term in maths, the children will be learning about place value with numbers up to 20 and addition and subtraction.

They will use resources such as counters, tens frames and part-whole models to support their understanding of these concepts.



Science

In science, the children will be learning about animals. They will be learning how to classify animals into their given groups. They will spend time, identifying and naming animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They will learn about us as humans. They will learn the different body parts and how our five senses link to these body parts.



Mammals Birds Reptiles Fish Amphibians

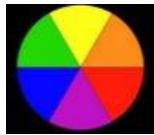
History

In history, the children will be learning the answer to the big question: How did Rosa Parks help change society? The children will be learning what history is, what chronology is and will be looking at artefacts from the past. The children will learn about incidents in both the USA and the UK and compare them.



Art

In art, this term, the children will be learning about primary and secondary colours and the colour wheel. They will be looking at a specific type of art called surrealism. They will focus on two surrealist artists; Joan Miro and Lenora Carrington. They will then be replicating a piece of artwork by one of these artists.



Music

In music this half term, the children will be learning that every piece of music has a musical heartbeat. In music, they will learn that it is called the 'pulse' or the 'beat' of the music. The children will sing, play and practice composition. They will then take part in a mini classroom performance of their learning.



PE

In PE, this half term, the children will be learning how to roll in different ways. They will learn to do a front and back support and how to jump from one foot and two feet and land on one foot or two feet. They will finish the term by completing a gymnastics sequence.



Home learning

- Please read 5 times a week and record this in your child's reading diary.
- Complete the weekly home learning task set by the teacher. This will focus on number bonds to 10 or phonics.
- Complete one or more of the optional home learning tasks listed in the front of your child's home learning book.

Suggested books for reading

