

Autumn Term Second Half 2025 – Year 1



English

We will continue to follow the RWI programme to teach phonics within your child's phonic group. In our English lessons we will study the text 'Hibernation Hotel.' A beautiful story about a bear who knows it's time to hibernate but his cave is rather crowded. The children will explore report writing, using adjectives to enhance their descriptions and extending their sentences using 'and' and 'but'. We will then move onto the festive season themed text called, 'Stickman.' The children will explore the features of a narrative text again and explore how Stickman comes to the rescue to help Santa. We will continue with our class story time each day to provide opportunities to explore the elements of story-telling, vocabulary and characters.

We are reading...



Reading:

Please continue to support us in developing your child's reading by sharing books and listening to them read at home. Your child will bring home a RWI book bag book, which will be linked to their phonic ability as well as a book for pleasure. Reading should be recorded in their Reading Record Books which will be checked **every Monday**. DoJo's will continue to be issued for evidence of home reading in the diary.

Maths

The children's maths lessons this term will focus on number and measurement. The term will begin as the children extend their place value knowledge initially up to numbers within 20 and then extend this further, to numbers within 50. They will be writing and representing these numbers pictorially also by using concrete objects. They will study addition and subtraction of numbers within 20. We will focus on investigating length, height and also mass and volume. Daily maths fluency sessions will continue to increase rapid recall of previous knowledge and skills which we have learnt.

Science

The children will explore the topic of 'Everyday Materials,' investigating the properties of different materials and carrying out investigations to test different materials. They will name and identify the materials that objects are made of and the technical vocabulary used to describe them. They will also compare and choose the suitability of materials for different purposes and the meaning of transparency, waterproof and stretchiness. We will continue to investigate the topic of 'Seasonal Changes,' to study how the weather and temperature changes within the different seasons.

History

Our History lessons will explore 'Homes in the Past.' The children will investigate different types of modern housing and explore similarities and differences with houses. They will study different types of housing across four key periods in British history; Medieval, Tudor, Georgian and Victorian. They will find out about some of the features of houses built a long time ago and how these features have changed over time and why. They will learn how homes in the past didn't have electricity and explore some of the common objects found in homes in the past. This will be explored further with the children's trip to Milton Keynes Museum.



RE

Our Religious Education (RE) lessons will continue to focus on Christianity as the children explore the theme of 'Christmas.' They will explore the key question – Why is he so important to Christians?

We will begin by exploring the story of Christmas and why Jesus' birth stories are special to Christians. They will investigate the deeper meaning of Christmas and how art is used to tell the nativity story. They will learn the meaning of Christmas and how Christians celebrate Christmas in the UK and around the world.

Computing

The children's computing topic this term is 'Digital Art.' The children will explore changing the colour of individual pixels to accurately re-create basic and then more detailed artwork. They will continue to develop their keyboard skills and the use of navigating a track pad and the keyboard of a computer effectively.

Music

The children's second musical unit is called 'Dance, Sing and Play!' The children will explore how music tells stories about the past. We will learn, listen, appraise and sing within this unit and explore different rhythm and pulse.

PE Autumn 2nd Half: **Ball Skills and Fitness**
Wednesdays and Fridays. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.

In the 'Ball Skills' unit, they will master basic movements including running and jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination. They will learn how to control a ball using their hands, roll a ball with accuracy and control, how to dribble a ball with their feet and hands, kick a ball with control and accuracy and use an underarm throw.

In the 'Fitness' unit, they will learn the importance of daily exercise, the meaning of agility, balance and co-ordination how to use agility circuits, learn about stamina and strength and how to run for extended periods using the correct breathing technique.

Spellings homework

The children will begin their weekly spellings homework, which will consist of 5 spelling words each week.



PSHE

This half term, we will continue with the 'My Happy Mind+ wellbeing' PSHE programme, as the children explore the first part of the care model, called 'Celebrate.' In this unit of learning, the children will investigate their character and their character strengths. They will begin to understand how and why we all have different characters and why it is important to use our character strengths to be the best we can and to help us to become strong and resilient.

Design Technology (DT)

The children's first Design Technology topic will explore the topic of stable structures as the children will work together to construct and make their own pencil pot. They will explore the stability through different balances and why some structures are more stable than others. They will test stability with weight added in different places, design a structure and use a variety of cutting and joining techniques to make their stable product by following their design plan.