

Autumn Term First Half 2026 – Year 1

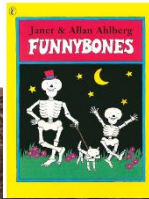


English

We will continue to follow the RWI programme to teach phonics within your child's phonic group.

Our English lessons will start the term looking at instructional texts when the children will have fun making and writing instructions for their own jam sandwich. We will then move onto the wonderful picture book 'Funnybones,' which links nicely to the children's science topic about the parts of the body. To secure their knowledge of counting to 10 in maths we will study the lovely story of 'Handa's Hen.' The children's final text for this half term will enable them to explore a short film unit entitled 'The Ugly Sharkling.' The children will explore the events in these stories and learn how to sequence them. We will be focusing on accurate letter formation, consistent finger spaces and learning how to use the lines in our books to position and form our letters correctly to write sentences independently. We will have a class story time each day which will provide the opportunity to explore the elements of story-telling.

We are reading...



Reading:

Please 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 library book. Reading should be recorded in their Reading Record Books which will be checked **every Monday**.

Maths

Our maths this term will focus on number. The term will begin with place value of numbers within 10. We will be writing and representing these numbers pictorially and with concrete objects, counting forwards and backwards, finding 1 more and 1 less, ordering and comparing numbers. We will also be learning our number bonds to 10. We will then study addition and subtraction of numbers within 10.

It is important that the children have a secure understanding of numbers to 10 before we progress to larger numbers. We will have daily maths fluency sessions to practise and recall previous knowledge and skills, which we have learnt.

History

Our first History topic is 'The Gunpowder Plot.' The children will develop their knowledge and understanding of this significant event in British history. They will increase their awareness of the past by finding out about Guy Fawkes and other significant individuals involved in the plot, including Richard Catesby and Thomas Percy. They will learn how bonfire night has been celebrated in Britain since the 1930's and also consolidate their knowledge of changes within living memory.

Science

The children will begin their science lessons in Year 1 investigating the human body as they learn to name, draw and label the parts of the body. They will then study the five senses and which body part is associated with each sense.

We will also investigate the topic of 'Seasonal Change,' as we explore the season of Autumn, studying the months in each of the seasons and exploring how the world around us changes within each season. We will investigate what events are celebrated and associated, within each season, how the temperature and weather changes and the clothes we wear associated to the weather and the climate in the season we are studying. The children will continue to observe the seasons as they change throughout the year.

RE

Our Religious Education (RE) lessons will focus on Christianity this term. Our theme being the 'Creation Story.' We will begin by exploring what RE is and what we learn about in our RE lessons. We will then investigate what special means to us and how we feel about special things we have created. We will then learn about how God created the world and explore how God would want Christians to treat the world in which we live in.

Computing

Our first computing topic is 'Mouse and Keyboard Skills.' We will begin by exploring and using the mouse pad and learning how to do this effectively. We will then progress to exploring where the keys are located on the keyboard and begin to practise some typing skills. The children will also have the opportunity to use the school laptops and Ipads to practise on Numbots and WRH one minute maths activities.

Music

Our first music unit and music spot light is entitled, 'My Musical Heartbeat.' The social theme associated within this unit poses the question 'How can we make friends when we sing together?' We will learn, listen, appraise and sing within this unit and explore different rhythm and pulse.

PE

Autumn 1st Half:
PE Fundamentals and
Look, Run, Avoid

PE will be on **Wednesday and Friday**
afternoons.

Please send your child to school
wearing their PE kit.

PSHE



This half term, for myHappyMind+ wellbeing and PSHE programme we will explore the unit 'Meet your brain.' We will develop our understanding of how our brains work and what we can do to look after it, so that we can manage our emotions and be at our best. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin the unit 'myHappyMind Places' which will help us to better understand our emotions and develop effective self-regulation strategies.

Art

We will begin the year focusing on the element of drawing within our art lessons. We will be exploring mark making and line, working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces, investigating how different lines can be used for different effects. We will focus on developing the skills of holding and using drawing tools in different ways to create different lines and how to use mark making to replicate texture.

