



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

Squirrels PE – Thursday

Owls PE – Friday

Please come to school on this day in your PE kit ready to go.

Talents Assemblies

We will now be celebrating our clubs and outside of school achievements on Monday in assembly time. If your child has something to bring in and celebrate please ensure it is on Mondays.

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



Key dates

September

21.9.26 – Individual Photos

October

14.10.26 – Skipping Workshop

16.10.26 – End of term (3.15pm pickup)

BACK TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

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 their bodies feel and what to do if they 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

Please continue to read at home with your child in the evenings and practice any new sound cards / HRSW that are sent home.

Suggested books for reading

