



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2 — 2025/2026



Phonics/Reading

Next half term in phonics, we will continue following the Read Write Inc. programme and will be learning Set 2 and Set 3 sounds. This will help children to read and spell a wider range of words with increasing confidence. Regular reading at home is extremely important, and we encourage children to read and re-read their books to build fluency, expression and accuracy. This growing confidence will support children in understanding what they read and will help them as they move on to longer texts and develop their comprehension skills further.



Key Dates

W/C 9th March—NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Week

5th March—World Book Day, school updates to follow

11th-16th March—Scholastic Book Fair

Writing

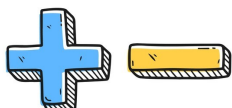
Next half term in English, we will be using *How to Trap a Wild Thing* to explore instructional writing. The children will learn how to write clear step-by-step instructions, including using bossy verbs, time connectives and helpful details. We will also focus on sentence punctuation and presenting our work neatly.



Talk for Writing

Maths

In maths, we will continue developing our understanding of addition and subtraction, using practical resources and number lines to support our learning. We will also be exploring measurement, comparing and measuring length and height, and investigating mass and volume using real-life objects and hands-on activities.



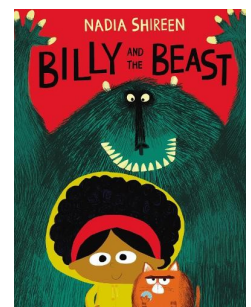
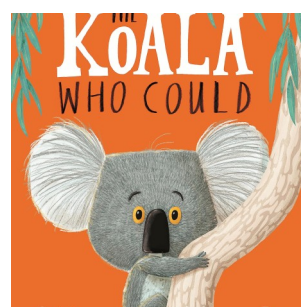
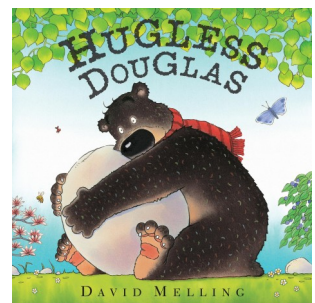
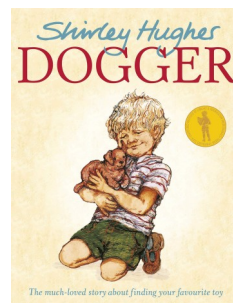
Whole Class Reading



Class Read

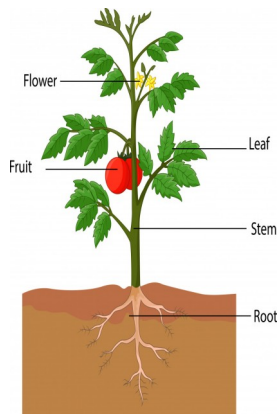


Suggested Books for Reading



Science

In science, we will be learning about plants and what they need to grow and stay healthy. The children will identify and name different plants, explore the parts of a plant, and learn how plants change as they grow. We will make observations and ask questions as we investigate the world around us.



History

In history, we will continue learning about Rosa Parks and her important role in changing society. The children will explore what happened after Rosa's brave actions and how people worked together to create change. We will talk about fairness, equality and why Rosa Parks is remembered today.



DT



In Design & Technology, children will learn how to safely use basic **knife skills** (cutting soft fruits) while making their own healthy **smoothies**. They will explore flavours, follow simple recipes, and evaluate their creations.

PE



In PE, we will be taking part in Real PE Unit 4, including *Clowning Around* and *Wendy's Water-ski Challenge*. The children will develop their balance, coordination and agility through fun challenges and games. We will also focus on teamwork, encouraging others and trying our best.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Salvation and focusing on Palm Sunday. The children will explore why Jesus was welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds and what this story means to Christians. We will use discussion and storytelling to help children reflect on important Christian beliefs.



Computing

In computing, we will be learning about technology and how it helps us in our everyday lives. The children will practise using devices safely and responsibly, and will develop confidence using simple programs and tools. We will also discuss how to look after equipment and make sensible choices online.



PSHE

In PSHE, our topic will be *Healthy Me*. The children will learn about ways to keep their bodies and minds healthy, including making healthy choices, staying active and understanding the importance of rest. We will also discuss how to manage feelings and make safe choices.



How to help...

You can help by practising simple addition and subtraction, talking about measurement in everyday life (such as comparing lengths, weights or filling containers), and encouraging curiosity about the world by spotting plants, using technology safely, and discussing important people and events from history. Talking about feelings, friendships and healthy choices also supports our PSHE learning, and keeping active through play helps to build strength, balance and coordination for PE. Thank you for your continued support — it really helps us to work together to help every child thrive.