

Hello!

This half-term we are focusing in our phonics, in preparation for the phonics screening at the end of year 1. We follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme and their website has a parents section with lots of useful information to support your child at home.

Key Information

We have PE on a Wednesday and Friday this half-term - children will need weather-appropriate PE kits in school on these days.

Key Dates

07.02.25 - NSPCC Number Day
14.02.25 - Last Day of Spring 1

24.02.25 - Return for Spring 2

06.03.25 - World Book Day
09.03.25 - British Science Week

Miss Travers
Class Teacher

As writers we will be...

This half-term we have started to focus on how to write a setting description. We are writing a description of Sherwood Forest and focusing on skills such as sentence structure and using adjectives.

In addition to this, we are focusing on applying our phonic knowledge in our writing as well as building our vocabulary.

To support your child further, encourage them to read at home using their phonics. Reading to them can also help build a love of reading and expose them to a range of vocabulary.



As readers we will be...

Continuing to develop applying our phonics knowledge to segment and blend. Once children are more secure in their phonics knowledge, we encourage them to read automatically to build fluency skills: the accuracy, pace and pronunciation of the text we read.



As historians we will be...

Learning how toys have changed over time. This topic introduces the historical concepts; similarity, difference, old and new, then and now and change. Children will learn how toys have changed and think about why this is.



As musicians we will be...

Exploring different musical concepts such as tempo (speed), dynamics (volume) and pitch (how high or low). We will be using different songs to explore these concepts and using both our voices and untuned instruments.



As mathematicians we will be...

Focusing on numbers to 20. We will be securing our place value knowledge of numbers to 20 and then beginning to add and subtract numbers to 20.



As sportspeople we will be...

Developing our gymnastics skills with Mr Strong on a Friday. In our Wednesday sessions, we are focusing on dance. We are creating our own dances inspired by the story 'The Jungle Book' and exploring using travel, balances and shapes in our dances.



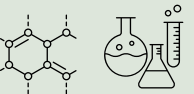
As linguists we will be...

continuing to develop our speaking and listening skills. We will create rich opportunities for children to talk and listen for a variety of purposes.



As scientists we will be...

Learning all about animals. We will be focusing on vertebrates and classifying animals into; mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians.



As IT specialists we will be...

Learning how to add text and images through creating our own 'where's Wally' style picture. To do this we are continuing developing our skills or using a mouse and keyboard from last half term.



As designers we will be...

Designing and making our own puppets using the characters from Little Red Riding Hood to inspire us. We will be exploring how to use a template to cut fabric and how to join fabric as well as decorating our puppets.

