



Phonics

This term we will be learning our Phase 5 phonics spelling patterns for reading. Phase 5 phonics sounds are alternative ways of spelling phonics sounds the children are already familiar with from Reception. Each week your child will continue to have a focus on one of the sounds below:

Phase 5 phonic spelling patterns:

ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir, ue, aw, wh, ph, ew, oe, au, ey, a_e (cake), e_e (Steve), i_e (bike), o_e (stone), u_e (cube).

Reading

In Year 1 our pupils have daily whole class reading lessons. Within the Autumn term we focus on:

- **Decoding skills** for reading unfamiliar words.
- **Fluency skills** (phonetic fluency, and sentence fluency)
- **Comprehension**

In order to support your child at home please ensure you read at least 3 times a week with your child at home and you bring their book in to be changed weekly.

Writing

Unit One:

Stimulus - The Gruffalo

Form - Character description

Purpose - To express
Key Teaching Points - sentence structure, word classes, capital letters and full stops.

Unit Two:

Stimulus - Queen Victoria

Form - Information text

Purpose - To inform
Key Teaching Points - headings/subheading, conjunctions, past tense.

Unit Three:

Stimulus - Monkey Puzzle

Form - Setting description

Purpose - To express
Key Teaching Points - Vocabulary and adjectives.

Maths

Pupils will build upon their knowledge of number during the first half term by learning how to use inequality symbols, as well as begin to learn about fractions and fact families.

In the second half term Year 1 will move on to focus on number bonds, addition, subtraction, and calculating the difference between numbers.



This information is designed to keep you informed about what your child will be learning about this term.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.





Geography & History

Topic: The Victorians

Pupils will learn about the life of Queen Victoria; Victorian toys, workhouses, jobs and schools. Pupils will also learn about Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and the industrial revolution.

Science: Biology - Animals

Pupils will learn about: the needs of different animal groups (fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals); vertebrates, invertebrates, as well as what humans need to survive.

R.E. & Philosophy - Buddhism

Pupils will learn about the origins of the religion; the holy book; main Buddhist belief systems; as well as how Buddhists worship.

P.S.H.E.

Pupils will have a range of lessons based upon healthy relationships; anti-bullying; coping with negative emotions; emergencies and equality.

Forest School

This term pupils will observe and learn about autumnal changes in Vale Forest; harvest vegetables; create a wormery; make hedgehogs using natural materials; as well as take part in leaf printing.

I.C.T.

Pupils will begin their lessons in The Hubble this term by learning how to log in to the computers, as well as practising their typing skills on a keyboard and learning about the features of a computer.

P.E.

This term there will be a focus on multi-skills, riding scooters and gaga ball. Multi skills lessons will involve pupils developing their gross motor skills through activities such as throwing and catching.

Performing Arts

Pupils will be learning about the skills of characterisation, improvisation, vocal exploration and hot seating. Towards the end of term pupils will apply their learning to the conventions of a pantomime.

Music

Pupils' learning will focus on keeping a beat while singing; practising ensemble singing by learning '*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*'; as well as practising ostinatos with glockenspiels and boomwhackers.