

# Parent Learning Information

Spring Half Term 2 2026

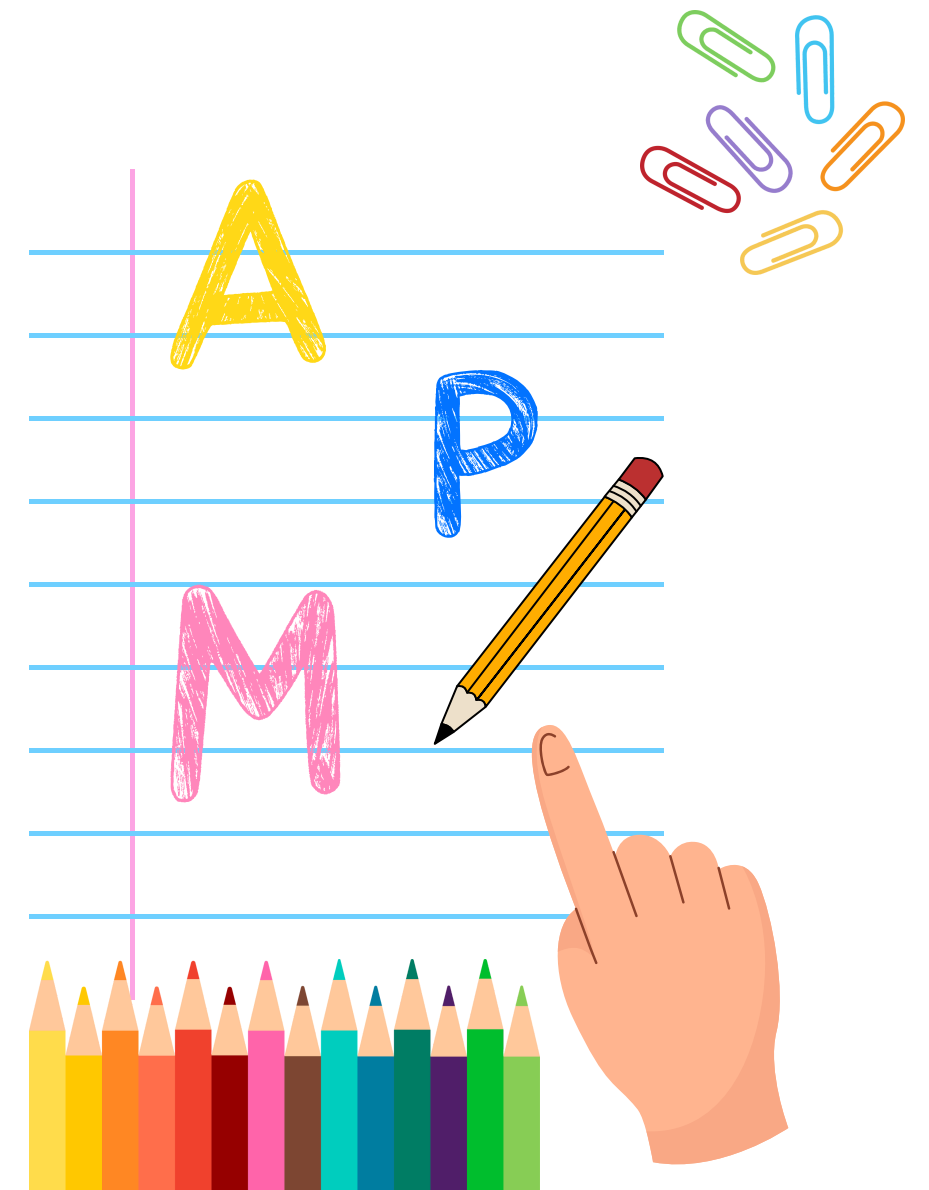
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## Writing Curriculum

We are incredibly proud of the progress our children have made in writing so far this year. Over the next half term, we will continue to embed the key skills already taught, including using 's' and 'es' to pluralise words and applying the subordinating conjunction 'because' to extend sentences and add detail.

Alongside this, we will be placing a strong emphasis on handwriting and letter formation. Each writing lesson will begin with focused practice on the fundamentals of correct letter formation, as well as ensuring that children consistently use clear finger spaces between words.

We will also continue to reinforce the correct use of capital letters, making sure they are used appropriately at the beginning of sentences and for proper nouns, such as names and places.



## Maths Curriculum

In Maths, our focus is on measurement. At the start of next half term, we will be exploring length and height using centimetres, as well as identifying and comparing objects that are heavier and lighter. The children will also learn how to compare mass using the correct mathematical vocabulary.

To support your child at home, you could play simple comparison games using everyday objects or toys. Encourage them to describe items using key mathematical language such as taller, shorter, longer, heavier and lighter. These practical conversations really help to deepen their understanding.

Following this unit, we will revisit making equal groups before moving on to adding equal groups together. We will then explore how to share into equal groups and finish by revisiting doubling and halving to strengthen and consolidate prior learning.

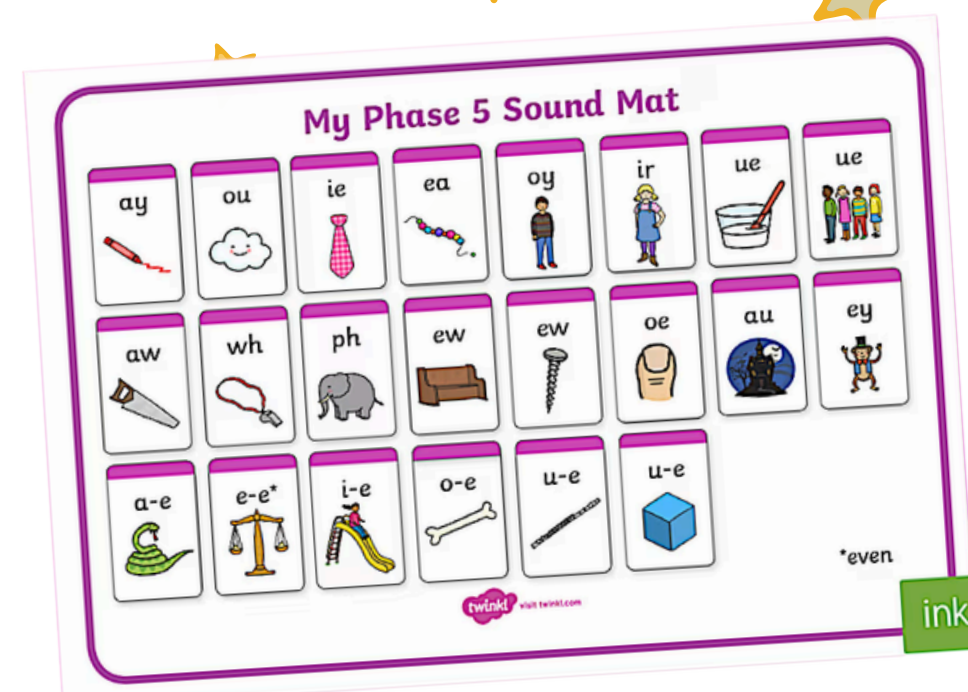


## Reading Curriculum

In the second Spring term, we will continue to develop our Phase 5 phonics knowledge, introducing a range of new alternative sounds, including /ow/ (as in snow), alternative /c/ (as in cell), alternative /g/ (as in giant), and /ire/ (as in fire).

In reading, we will focus on improving fluency and sight recognition of high-frequency words such as and, this, and they. We will also continue to strengthen the children's inference and prediction skills, encouraging them to answer questions about both the texts and the illustrations in the books.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who have already achieved their Bronze Reading Award for the fantastic reading they have done at home! Several pupils are now very close to earning their Silver Award too – keep up the amazing reading, Year 1!



## Topic - Explorers

We are continuing to dive deeper into the different areas of what it means to be an explorer and some of the jobs that explorers do. We will also be looking at both human and physical geography by looking at famous natural landmarks as well as man made ones. In science, we are focusing on animals and the different animal types including mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish. We will also be looking at the types of food these different animal groups eat as well as their habitats.

In RE we are currently studying Buddhism. We have spent the first half term learning about the religions origins, their holy book and beliefs. In the next half term we will be learning about Buddhist places of worship, the 6 key principles and the wind and moon story. In PSHE we will be looking into fire safety as well as water safety as we begin to move closer to warmer weather.



## Performing Arts - Including Music



Year 1 this term will be learning about the Hit Musical Annie!

Continuing our previous work of acting through song we will look at the song 'Tomorrow' focusing on improving expression and vocal skills (through music) and learning and memorising choreography to the song 'It's a hard knock life'.

## PE

This term in P.E., the children will be developing their tennis skills by learning how to hold a racket correctly, practise a range of shots, and understand the basic rules of the game, including how to referee a match to promote teamwork and fair play.



Year 1 will focus on kicking, throwing, and hitting projectiles through fun, age-appropriate activities, while also practising safe equipment retrieval and cooperative play. Across all lessons, children will build coordination, balance, confidence, and important teamwork skills.



## Forest School

This term at Forest School, the children will be learning about how seasons change, and what we can notice in these changes, from winter to spring.

The children will be learning how to plant and look after seeds, whilst noticing the changes in nature and the weather.

## Art



This term, Year 1 children will continue to focus on the theme of explorers, including historical figures such as Christopher Columbus, and encourage imaginative thinking about travel, discovery, and new places.

The lessons focus on developing basic art skills such as drawing, collage, colour mixing, pattern-making, and using bold shapes. Modern artists like Kimmy Cantrell are used as inspiration to show children how contemporary artists can tell stories with colour, shape, and design.

## Homework Expectations!

We have recently sent home NumBots logins for all of our pupils and we have been thrilled to see so many of you already accessing the app at home and completing levels.

We want to push all of you to be fantastic mathematicians and one of the ways you can achieve this is by making sure to earn three stars on every level to ensure a secure understanding of each concept.

We are continuing to send home spellings each week related to the sounds we are learning in phonics which can all be found in the reading section. We are also continuing to send home reading books to access at home each week.

We really value your continued support with all aspects of homework!



## PE & Forest School



### Berlin

PE Days - Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
Forest School - Every Other Friday -  
W/C 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Paris

PE Days - Thursday & Friday  
Forest School - Every Other Monday -  
W/C 12<sup>th</sup> January

### Madrid

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Forest School - Every Other Tuesday -  
W/C 12<sup>th</sup> January

