

Parent Learning Information

Autumn Half Term 1 2026

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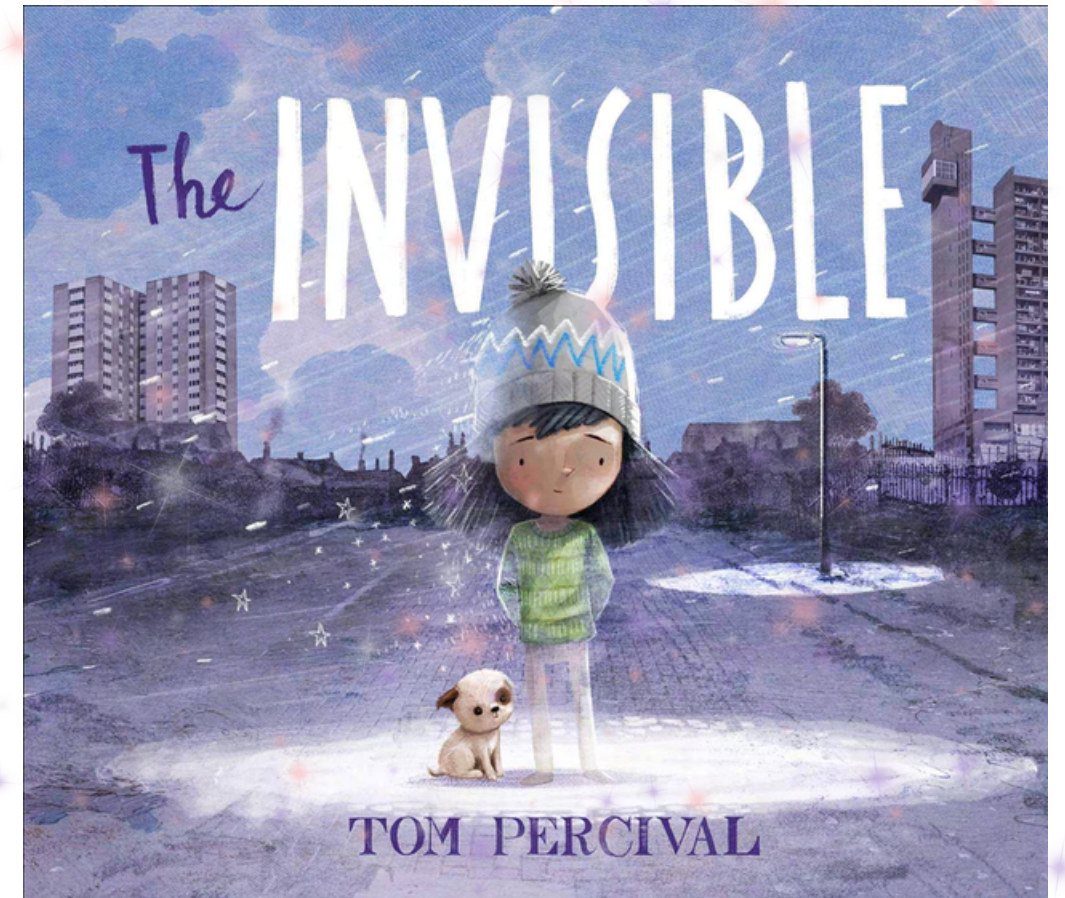
Reading Curriculum

This term, our reading learning will focus heavily on developing fluency, comprehension and vocabulary through a range of engaging texts, beginning with *The Invisible* by Tom Percival.

Children will build on their reading fluency through regular opportunities to read for pleasure, take part in echo reading, partner reading and re-read familiar texts to increase confidence, accuracy and expression.

We will also explore new vocabulary in depth, discussing the meaning of unfamiliar words and how authors choose language carefully to create mood, develop characters and engage the reader.

Through whole class discussion and shared reading, pupils will begin to explain how vocabulary can affect the way a text makes us think and feel.

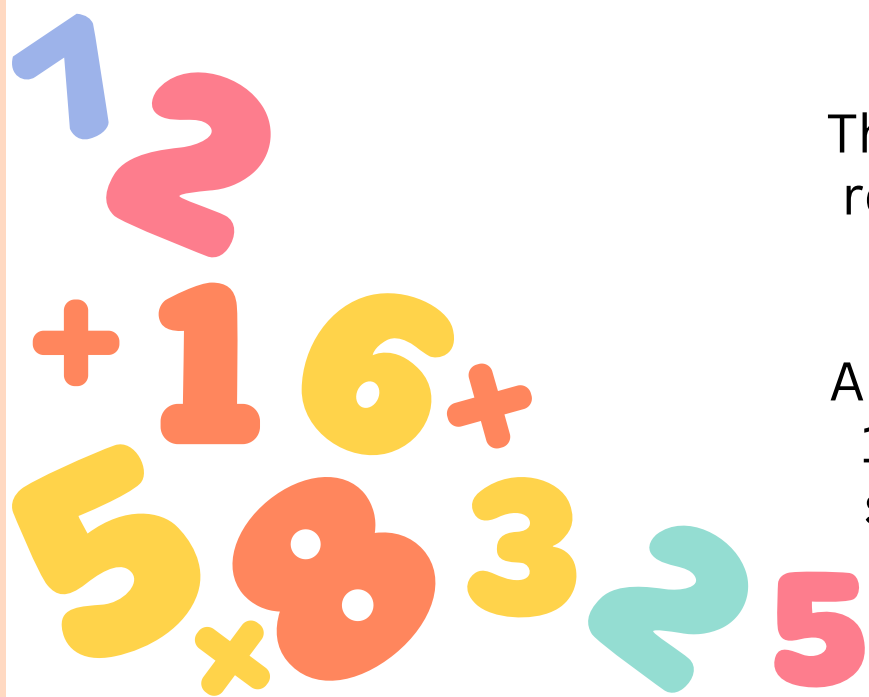


Maths Curriculum

This term, our learning will focus on Number and Place Value. Children will develop their understanding of place value by recognising the value of tens and ones, reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals and words, and counting forwards and backwards within 100.

They will count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from different starting points, estimate and represent numbers on a number line, and compare and order numbers using the language of greater than, less than and equal to.

Alongside this, children will strengthen their recall of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and use fact families to understand the relationship between addition and subtraction facts. Through practical resources, reasoning and problem-solving activities, pupils will build confidence, fluency and a secure understanding of number.



Writing Curriculum

This half term, our writing will be based on the texts *How to Hide a Star* by Oliver Jeffers, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak.

We will begin by exploring *How to Hide a Star* through a range of engaging book-based activities, allowing the children to discuss the story, make predictions, build their vocabulary and develop their speaking and listening skills through regular oracy based activities.

The children will rehearse sentences aloud, take part in shared writing with the class and then apply their learning by writing their own sentences independently.

Throughout the half term, all three texts will be used to inspire writing and discussion. These include identifying and using nouns, using conjunctions to join ideas, revisiting and writing complete sentences, forming regular and irregular plurals, using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks accurately, and rereading and editing writing to improve accuracy and meaning.



Wider Curriculum Learning

Topic - Food and Farming

This term, we will discover where our food comes from and explore how farming works, from growing crops and raising animals to getting food from farm to fork. Children will investigate how climate, landscapes and farming methods influence what can be produced, as well as comparing farming in the UK and Brazil and exploring the similarities and differences between the two countries.

In Science, children will investigate the properties of everyday materials and discover why different materials are chosen for particular purposes. Through practical investigations, they will test and compare materials and explore how they can be changed, shaped and moulded. We will also discover how scientists and inventors have used their understanding of materials to design and create objects that we use in everyday life.

We will also explore creation stories and beliefs from Christianity, Islam and Hinduism, considering the similarities and differences between each faith. Children will reflect on how beliefs about creation can influence the way people see the world, make choices and care for others and the environment.

In PSHE, we will begin the year by setting goals and creating class promises to help us work together, feel safe and achieve our best. Children will explore why rules are important, identify trusted adults who can offer support, and learn about what makes a positive friendship. They will develop strategies for managing challenges in relationships and will also have opportunities to discuss current events, ask questions and develop their understanding of the world around them.

Performing Arts - Including Music

This term, Year 2 will explore the world of Aladdin through Dance and Music!

They will develop their dance technique and coordination particularly through corner work, rhythm and musicality while learning exciting choreography inspired by the story and characters of the movie/musical!



PE

This term, the children will be developing their fundamental movement skills through a range of fun and engaging multi-skills activities.

They will work on skills such as running, jumping, throwing, catching, balancing and coordination, while learning how to use these skills in different games and challenges.

The children will also begin learning the basics of Tag Rugby, developing their passing, catching, movement, teamwork and understanding of the game.

Forest School



This half term in Forest School, the children will be exploring our three meadow areas and discovering the wonderful wildlife and natural habitats that make each one unique.

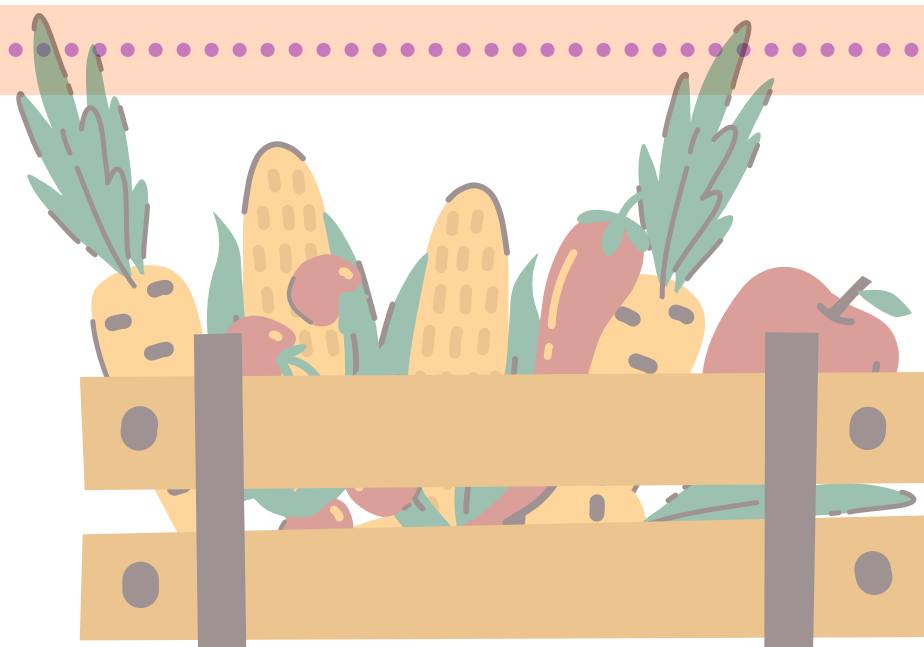
A key focus will be learning about our Forest School expectations. The children will develop an understanding of how to behave responsibly in this special environment, recognising that it is home to a wide variety of plants, insects and animals. Together, we will learn how to respect and care for nature while enjoying everything the outdoors has to offer.

Throughout the first half term, the children will have plenty of opportunities for child-led exploration, allowing them to investigate, ask questions, make discoveries and develop their curiosity about the natural world through hands-on experiences.

Art

Year 2 children will explore the journey of food from farm to plate, developing their understanding of fruit, vegetables, crops and farming.

They will investigate the colours, shapes, patterns and textures found in natural foods through drawing, painting, collage and printing.

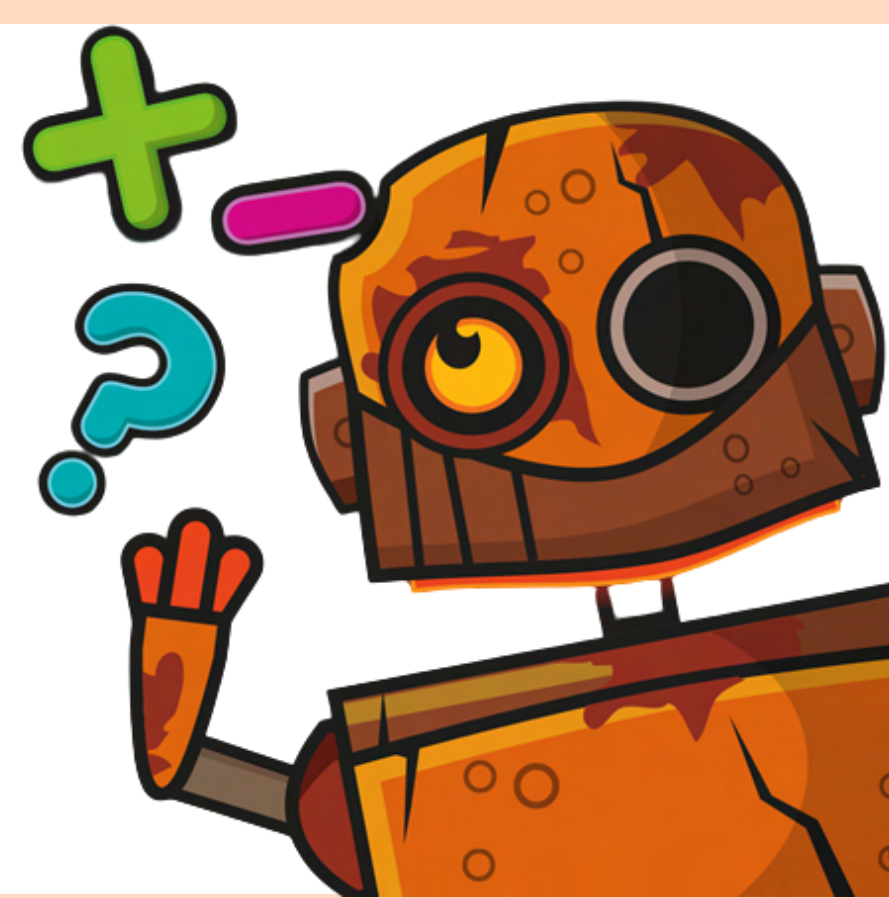


Homework Expectations!



Children will continue to develop and practise their maths skills through Numbots, helping to build their confidence and fluency with number.

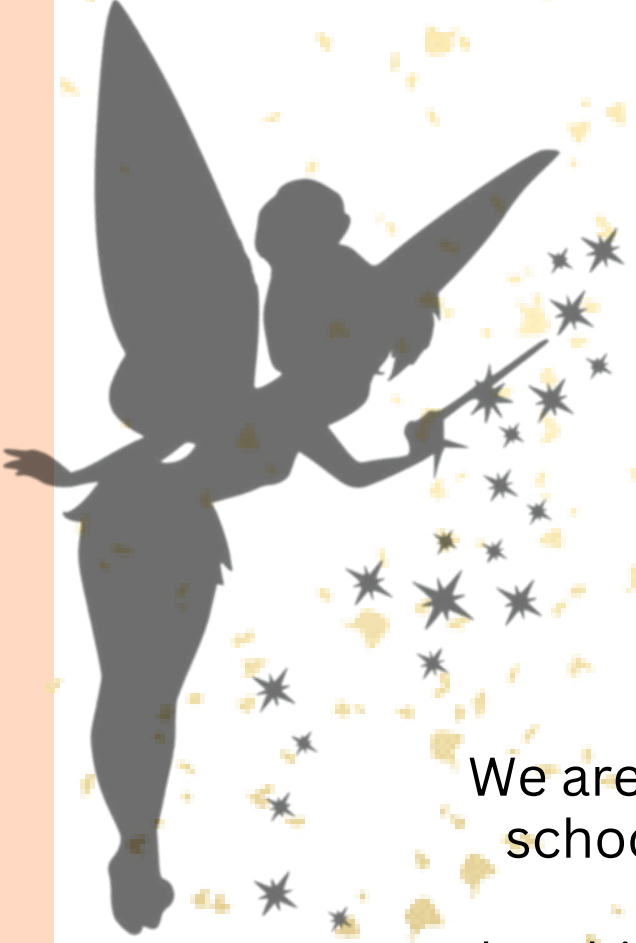
We encourage children to read regularly at home, as this is an important part of developing their reading skills, vocabulary and love of books.



PE & Forest School Dates

Rome	Dublin	Lisbon
PE - Tuesday & Wednesday	PE - Wednesday & Thursday	PE - Tuesday & Wednesday
Forest School - Every other Thursday	Forest School - Every other Tuesday	Forest School - Every other Monday
1st lesson: 17th September	1st lesson: 8 th September	1 st lesson: 7 th September

Key Dates - Upcoming Wow Days and Trips



We are thrilled to announce that our first Year 2 school trip will be taking place in December!

The children will have the exciting opportunity to enjoy the much-loved pantomime Peter Pan at The Cresset. We know this will be a fantastic experience for the children and a wonderful way to enjoy some festive fun together.

The exact date is still to be confirmed, so please keep an eye out for further information and details coming soon.

