

Autumn 1 - Year 1

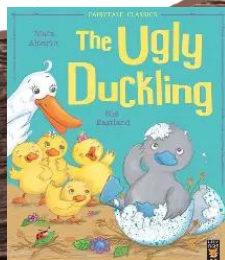


English

During the first week of the half term, we will be reading the book 'The Kindest Red' and linking our learning to our school value of 'respect'. We will be exploring what respect means and the importance of treating everyone fairly.

Then, we will continue to use Drawing Club to inspire our writing and creativity. Through exciting stories, like The Ugly Duckling, children will draw, discuss and explore their ideas before using their phonics skills to write words, captions and simple sentences. We will also continue to develop our handwriting, pencil control and confidence as writers.

We are reading...



Forest School and PE

Forest School - Wednesday. PE - Thursday. Children may come to school in their PE kits on both days. PE kit consists of a red T-shirt; navy, black or grey shorts; leggings or jogging bottoms and black trainers. For Forest School, please ensure arms and legs are covered and provide a named pair of wellington boots (at the beginning of the half term) to be kept in school. We encourage children in KS1 to wear trainers without laces, unless they can tie them independently.

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled, and long hair must be tied back. Earrings must be removed. If a child is unable to remove their earrings independently, they will be unable to take part in the sessions.

Maths

In Maths, we follow the Power Maths (White Rose Maths Edition) scheme. This half term, children will develop their understanding of numbers within 10 by counting, recognising and representing numbers in different ways. They will explore part-whole models to understand how numbers can be broken down and put back together. Children will then begin learning addition and subtraction within 10, using practical resources, pictures and number stories to build confidence and understanding.

Phonics/Reading

The children are continuing to read books from the Little Wandle Phonics programme. These books are closely matched to each child's latest assessment to support their reading progress. Children will read in school three times each week, with sessions focusing on decoding, prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension. Books are changed on a Friday.

For phonics this half term, children will review the Little Wandle Phase 3 and 4 phonics. This review revisits previously taught Phase 3 GPCs (Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondence) and Phase 4 long vowel words. After that, children will start looking at Phase 5 GPCs.

Other information

- Reading at home is encouraged every day and should be recorded in your child's reading record.
- We recommend that children use NumBots to practise key number facts.
- Our class website page contains our daily timetable, annual enrichment offer and details of how to contact us by email.
- Any other important communication will be shared via School Spider.
- For information about coverage in all other areas this half term, please refer to the long-term planning and progression documents in the 'Curriculum' section of the school website.