



Newsletter Summer Term



Welcome back to the final term of Year 1—we have an exciting adventure ahead! This term, we will be learning all about kings and queens, exploring what life was like in castles and discovering the roles of Royal Families past and present. We'll also be getting creative as we explore the colourful artwork of Yayoi Kusama, creating our own bold and imaginative pieces. Get ready for a term full of history, creativity, and fun!

I am a geographer: Kings and Queens

This term, we're stepping into the fascinating world of kings and queens! We'll be exploring what life was like for Royals in the past, from grand feasts and Royal duties to the way they lived in magnificent castles.

We'll discover the incredible castles across the United Kingdom, including those in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and learn what made each one special. We'll also compare Royal life in the past to today, thinking about how the roles, homes and daily lives of kings and queens have changed over time.

Get ready to step inside history as we explore famous castles and link our learning to Nottingham Castle.

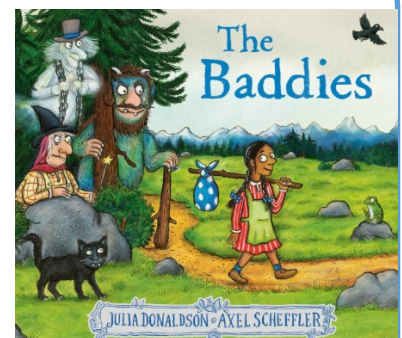


English

This term, we'll be getting creative with two brilliant books: *The Baddies* by Julia Donaldson and *Dragon Post* by Emma Yarlett!

First, we'll dive into *The Baddies* and retell the story- but with a twist! We'll invent our very own mischievous baddies and create exciting new versions of the tale.

Then, inspired by *Dragon Post*, we'll be writing a retell of the story - including an important letter to the firehouse! We'll be learning how to use interesting language to make our writing really come to life!



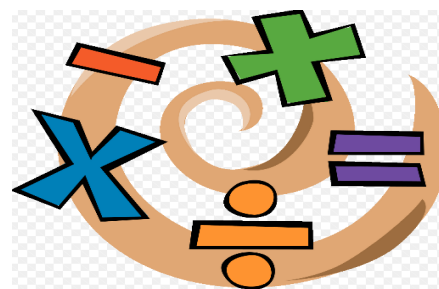
Maths

In maths this term, we'll be building our confidence with numbers up to 20 and solving problems using "ten and a bit" strategies.

We'll be adding and subtracting up to 20, using the number bonds to 10 that we already know to help us!

We'll also be measuring length accurately using a ruler, and using coins to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s.

Later in the term, we'll become time experts by learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past!



In phonics this term, we'll be exploring alternative sounds and tricky spellings! We'll be looking at sounds like *ea* making different sounds — for example, *ee* as in "**beach**" and *e* as in "**bread**".

We'll practise reading longer texts carefully, hunting for answers hidden in the text, and building our skills as fantastic reading detectives!

Reading Diaries

Please make sure reading diaries are in school every day. We will change reading books weekly. Re-reading books is a proven method of children gaining fluency in their reading.

Please write in the children's reading diaries at least three times a week. The children earn house points every time they read. If they read 4 times, their name goes in the reading jar.



Science

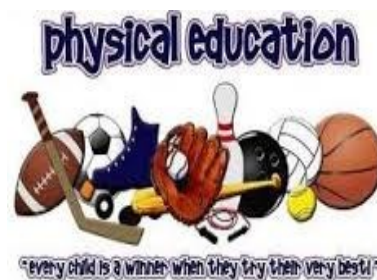
This term, we're going to explore the amazing world of animals and plants! We'll start by learning how to label and recall the different body parts of animals, and then we'll group and sort them based on their features. After that, we'll dive into the fascinating world of plants, discovering their different parts, and naming common and wild flowers. Get ready for some fun, hands-on learning about the natural world!

PE

Our PE days this half term are Tuesday and Thursday.

Most PE lessons will be outdoors now.

Earrings and jewellery must be removed on the day, otherwise they will not be able to participate in the lesson.



Dates For Your Diary

Phonics screening check:

Monday 8th June

Half Term:

Break up from school on Thursday 21st May
2026 (Friday is an INSET Day)

Back to school after Half Term:

1st June 2026



During playtime, children can bring a healthy snack from home to eat as their snack. This could be a piece of fruit, a cereal bar, carrot/pepper/cucumber sticks etc. Your child needs to put this in their bookbag.

Children should also bring a clearly named water bottle that is a school water bottle (like the one pictured above) and not a beautifully coloured/decorated bottle. This should just contain water or flavoured water and nothing else. Please label all school clothes!



Home Time

Please let Miss Mee/Mrs Nicholson know who will be picking the children up at the end of the day, if it is someone different from usual.

Year 1 Teaching Team

Miss Mee- Teacher

Mrs Nicholson - Teaching Assistant

Twitter

Remember to follow our class twitter page for updates on our learning in school!

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