



Updates and reminders

Welcome back to Term 2 of this academic year. We hope you have had a wonderful half term break and look forward to teaching your child in the run up to Christmas!

You are invited to come to your child's class open mornings every Wednesday at 8.55-9.15am, except for the last week of term.

On Friday 10th November, Year 1 will be having a dress up day where your child may dress up as something that has one of our taught tri-graphs in (igh, air, ear, ure) for example, a knight or a fairy.

Dates for the Diary

First day of term 2	31.10.17
Tri-graph dress up day	10.11.17
Reception—Year 4 flu vaccinations	29.11.17
Christmas Academy Enterprise Fair	18.12.17
Key Stage 1 Christmas Carol Concert 2:30pm	19.12.17
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	20.12.17
Last day of term 2	20.12.17

Maths and English

Letters and Sounds

Letters and Sounds continues to be a high priority as your child grows in confidence and fluency in their reading and writing.

We will hold a Phonics Screening Check information event to share how, when and why the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check takes place.

We regularly assess your child and send home sounds and words to practice at home. We will also continue to send out our weekly "Reading and Writing Words" via Parent Mail, these are replacing the spelling test and are a selection of words to practice that will not be tested.

We will be continuing to

work through Phase 4, and then moving on to Phase 5a.

English

In English we continue to use Talk4Writing to build your child's confidence in speaking, listening, read and writing.

The text the children will learn is this term is The Magic Pedaling Pushbike . We will share this text with you via Parent Mail so that you can support your child to learn and retell the story.

Once the children know the story, they will make changes to write their own story. Through this, they will learn different skills, such as joining words to make sentences, using capital letters and full stops and forming their letters correctly.

Maths

In Maths, the children will learn new concepts through using a range of practical resources, pictures and other representations.

We focus on the children developing a secure understanding of low number and being able to use and apply their understanding to solve problems.

This term the children will continue to learn to add and subtract within 10 and solve one step problems that involve addition and subtraction.

The children will have opportunities to explore these concepts in real-life situations in our Role Play area.

Learning Journey

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Our Learning Journey topic this term is called Wings and Wheels and is all about the history of transport.

The children will learn about the development of travel and transport throughout history. Alongside consolidating the children's understanding of chronology through using timelines and making comparisons between old and new forms of transport, we will also be

focusing on early travel methods of the Vikings, through to the invention of cars, trains and aero planes.

We will also be continuing to explore materials and their properties with a focus on what materials are used to build different means of transport.

Learning Provision

Our provision will continue to adapt and grow with the children working towards a

more formal approach in response to the children's developing confidence, independence and stamina.

They will continue to have access to a wide range of activities to support their holistic development, including a Role Play area, Reading Corner and the outside Area.

They will continue to have access to a snack bar.