

**Literacy:** This term, Class 1 will continue with their daily Read Write Inc lessons which will support both reading and writing. They will develop their understanding of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and have opportunities to create them. Through various texts, children will develop their writing skills by thinking about the ingredients for a super sentence. They will also be creating a non-fiction text based on our history topic, 'Toys Past and Present.'

**Reading:** Children will be given a home reading book that is linked to their Read Write Inc book in school. Your child may be asked to read a book more than once, this is to increase fluency and to support their understanding and comprehension.

We ask that you sign their learning journal when you have listened to your child read, at least 3 times each week.

Please take care of your home reading book and Learning Journal. Any books that are lost or damaged will need to be paid for before new books are issued.

Each week your child will be learning new sounds which they are expected to read in books and 'nonsense' words. You can help your child by spotting these sounds when reading together as well as talking to your child about what they have read. You will find phonics sounds mats and 'nonsense' words in your child's Learning Journal.

Useful website

Below is a useful link with information and support linked to our new phonics scheme.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

# Class 1



## Our Learning Journey Autumn Term 2025

**Kite Challenge:** You will find our Kite Challenge words in your child's learning journey. To progress through each challenge your child must learn to read and spell each word correctly. When all challenges are complete your child will be awarded our prestigious Kite Challenge badge.

Please help your child to practise reading and writing their Kite Challenge words at home.

**Poetry Recital:** Children will need to learn the poems that can be found in their Learning Journals. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of the poem's content and vocabulary. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range. Poems can be found in your Learning Journals.

Encourage your child to practise at home and recite their poems to members of your family.

**Spellings:** The children will be tested on their Kite Challenge words every Friday.

We ask that you encourage your child to practise these throughout the week.

**Reading Challenge:** As part of your child's weekly homework, please complete three questions from their reading challenge.

**Science:** This term we will be finding out about animals. We will be naming animals and their body parts. We will be investigating the senses, asking questions and thinking about the food that different animals eat.

You can help your child by researching different types of animals. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv> has some great video clips to watch all about different types of animals.

**Numeracy:** Children will be developing their mathematical understanding in the areas of number, shape and measure. Children will continue to practise and extend their skills in counting, reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers as well as addition and subtraction.

You could help your child by practising key number facts—such as number pairs for 10 and 20 ( $2 + 8 = 10$  and  $12 + 8 = 20$ ). These can be found on page 25 of your child's Learning Journal.

Why not play the number bonds games on 'Hit the Button'.  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

**RE:** Children will be developing their understanding of Christianity and Judaism. We will be learning about and comparing places of worship, important symbols and exploring artefacts.

You could help your child by talking to them about the symbols and places which are important in their lives.

**PSHE:** This term Class 1 will be learning more about our class charity—RSPCA. The children will also learn how special and unique they really are.

**History:** This term the children will be exploring toys from the past and present. The children will use a simple timeline to understand how toys have changed over time. They will compare toys from the past and present and discuss how they work.

You can help your child by talking to them about the toys that you or other family members played with as children. How are they similar? How are they different?

**Music:** In music, the children will be learning about pulse and rhythm, as well as learning all about our class musician Ravi Shankar. [Look out for some key facts about Ravi Shankar in your child's Learning Journal.](#)

**Geography:** We will be learning to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkkf8p3/articles/z2wjqr> has some great videos and activities all about the United Kingdom.

**Art:** This term, we will be focusing on drawing and painting skills and how to use pencil and painting techniques to create different effects.

You could encourage your child to research our class artist Claude Monet.

**Design and Technology:** Class 1 will be learning how to design, make and evaluate a moving picture book for Nursery using sliders and levers.

You can help your child by looking at how movement is created in children's books with pop ups or moving pictures.

**PE:** PE sessions will take place on Monday and Thursday each week. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school. On these days, please remove any earrings or jewellery before school.

**Computing:** using Purple Mash the children will learn about safe internet use. Please ensure this is reinforced at home.

Thank you for your support!  
Miss Meads, Mrs Cook and Mrs Ahmed.