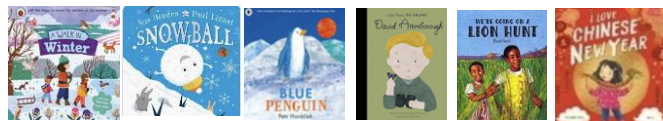


Class 1 Learning Snapshot

Spring 1 - 2026

Where in the world?



This half-term, the children will explore the season of winter and investigate the interesting changes it brings to our world. We'll delve into how ice is formed and melts, encouraging hands-on exploration and discovery.

Our learning journey will take us on an adventure exploring both hot and cold climates. Using world maps, the children will locate the Arctic, Antarctic and Tanzania, and discover the unique animals that call these places home. We'll investigate how these animals have adapted to survive in such contrasting environments and sort them into groups based on whether they live on land or in the sea.

The children's natural curiosity will lead our learning as they puzzle over "I wonder why/which" questions such as: **Why do some trees lose their leaves in winter? Why is there so much ice and snow in the Arctic and Antarctic? Which animals like to play in the snow, and how do they stay warm? Why is ice slippery, and how does snow turn into water? Why is Tanzania so hot, and what animals live there?**

We're going on a lion hunt...

Our 'Talk for Writing' project will be the story 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt'. Using role play, small world setups and story maps, the children will rehearse and retell this familiar tale, strengthening their storytelling, sequencing, and imaginative skills. Once the children are confident with the original story, we'll work together to adapt the story map with their own ideas. Who knows where their 'lion hunt' might take them or what challenges they'll face along the way!

Mathematics

Our nursery children will explore positional language such as "on," "under," "next to," and "in front of," developing their spatial awareness of where objects or people are located in relation to themselves. We will also build upon their understanding of numbers 1, 2, and 3 by encouraging them to subitise (recognize small quantities without counting), label and take and give small quantities to support sharing and problem-solving skills.

Our reception children will be exploring mathematical themes, including time (day and night), mass and capacity, and deepening their understanding of numbers 1-8. Please follow our weekly updates on your child's ClassDojo portfolio to support further at home.

Parents as Partners

Here are a few suggestions on how you can support your child's learning further.

Become a reading superstar...

Children receive starbooks currency for their engagement with reading at home! Please make sure you comment or sign your child's reading diary to acknowledge the challenges completed each week.

Useful Websites/Apps

www.topmarks.co.uk for a range of learning games

Download the White Rose Maths '1 minute maths' App to develop your child's subitising skills, the ability to recognise a quantity without counting.



Reception Home Learning

Please share your child's school reading book and complete the star book challenges to earn prizes!

Look out for math's challenges on your child's ClassDojo profile, post your child's learning from home to earn extra dojo points!

Class Information

- This half term our PE lesson will take place on a **Friday afternoon** for all children in school, **please send your child dressed in their PE kit** (including nursery children who attend on a Friday afternoon).
- Please pack a change of uniform in your child's rucksack or leave a set in school (drawstring bag on their peg) in case of any accidents.
- Please make sure you send your child with a waterproof coat & water bottle every day.
- Children are welcome to bring a fruit snack to school in their backpack for the day. Please label it if it is stored in a container. Fruit and milk will also be available for children to access at snack time.



ClassDojo

Please ensure you are connected to Class Dojo and keep up to date with school updates. If you have any issues, please contact a member of staff.

Polite reminder that staff are only expected to respond to messages between 8am-5.30pm on working days.

Subject	Key Knowledge theme
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Managing feelings and emotions Healthy teeth Keeping safe online
Physical Development	Jumping, landing & balance
Music	Big Band: Learning about what makes a musical instrument, the four different groups of musical instruments, following a beat using an untuned instrument and performing a practised song to a small audience.
Expressive Arts & Design	Artist/Illustrator: Petr Horacek, Jackson Pollock Collage, splatter paintings, paint mixing and prints.
Understanding the World	Hot & cold climates Animal habitats Chinese New Year traditions Forest School Fun
RE	Which places are special and why? Religious buildings: church & mosque Visit to St Marys Church Ark visits: 6.1.26 & 3.1.26