

Class 1 Learning Snapshot

Spring 2 - 2026

Marvellous Materials!



This half-term, the children will be exploring the themes of Lent, Easter, materials and recycling through our Fab Five stories. We will investigate different materials and their properties, thinking carefully about how they can be reused or recycled. The children will explore which materials make the strongest bridge and how we can recycle everyday items to help us become thoughtful caretakers of God's world.

As Easter approaches, we will reflect on the message of new beginnings and consider how we can show kindness and help others in need.

The children's natural curiosity will guide our learning as they explore questions such as: What materials make the strongest bridge? How can we reuse materials to build something new? How do we celebrate Easter, and what does it mean to different people?

F2 The Three Billy Goats Gruff...

Our 'Talk for Writing' project will be the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. 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.

Mathematics

Our nursery children will be exploring with pattern as well as building upon their understanding of numbers 1 to 5, by encouraging them to subitise (recognize small quantities without counting), label and take and give small quantities to support sharing and problem-solving skills.

In Maths, our Reception children will be exploring length and height through practical measuring activities, comparing objects and using mathematical language such as taller, shorter, longer and tallest. They will be making pairs to develop their understanding of odd and even numbers, as well as building and rehearsing number doubles within 10. We will also be deepening our understanding of the numbers 7 and 8 by exploring different representations, number bonds and patterns to strengthen their number sense.

Parents as Partners

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

Become a reading superstar...

Children receive star books 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 practice reading their green words.

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 morning** for all children in school, **please send your child dressed in their PE kit** (including nursery children who attend on a Friday morning).
- 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. **Pease label** 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- Zones of regulation Toileting & washing hands
Physical Development	Active Fridays! Each Friday, children will enjoy PE in the morning and Forest School in the afternoon. These will alternate each half term for our nursery part timers.
Music	Big Band continued: Learning about what makes a musical instrument, the four different groups of musical instruments, following a beat using an untuned instrument and performing to a small audience.
Expressive Arts & Design	Artist/Illustrator: Van Gogh Observational drawings- Flowers
Understanding the World	Seasonal Changes- Spring Materials/ Re-cycle
RE	Shrove Tuesday & Pancakes! The Good Samaritan- How can we help others when they need it? How do we celebrate Easter, and what does it mean to different people? Why do we put a cross in the Easter garden?