

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn | 2026

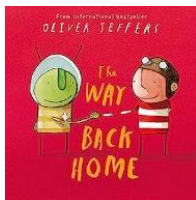


Our books for the half term are:



Man on
the Moon

The Way
Back Home



This half term we will begin our central focus on Explorers and this will link to some of the subjects that we will be learning about. In English, we will be looking at the main character in the story 'Man on the Moon', learning how to form questions, describing Bob's feelings using adjectives and retelling the events of the story using freeze frames. We will be comparing the characters from Man on the Moon to the characters in other stories we have read and we will draw comparisons between the two. We will also continue to use colourful semantics to help us create our sentences. In history, we will be looking at explorers including the 'Space Race' and what it's like to be an astronaut at the Space Station.

Science

This half term we will be looking at the season 'Autumn' and 'Everyday Materials'. We will start by going on our very own autumnal walk and discover what makes autumn, autumn. We will then identify different materials and their uses including what material will be best for Bob's spaceship.

Religious Education

Our RE unit this half term will be focusing on developing the children's knowledge and understanding of Christianity. We will be exploring the Bible and what it means to be a Christian.

Physical Education

Our indoor PE sessions, will focus on dance where we will explore how music makes us feel and think about how we can show this with our bodies through a growing theme. Outdoor PE will be developing our ball skills to learn to pass and receive a ball with our hands accurately.

Your children can continue to come in to school in the PE kit on PE days:

- ☐ coloured t-shirt
- ☐ red shorts
- ☐ plimsolls
- ☐ navy tracksuit jumper
- ☐ navy tracksuit bottoms



Snapshot - What happens when?

Homework/Spellings: Wednesday

Indoor & Outdoor PE: Friday

Forest School: Tuesday (Wattle) and Wednesday (Oak)

Please ensure all items of uniform, PE and Forest school kits are named.

Mathematics

This half term in maths, children will revisit counting and reading numbers forwards and backwards to strengthen their understanding of numerical sequences. They will practise number bonds to 10, such as $6 + 4 = 10$, to build a strong foundation in addition. They will also learn how to subtract amounts and compare addition and subtraction statements.

Reading:

This year your child will read their Jolly Phonics book in school with staff once a week and receive a new book on their given day. Please look out for the information in your child's reading record for the day your child's book will be changed. **Please use the reading record to make comments on your child's reading at home every day and also return the book to school each day alongside the reading record.** This half term for phonics and spellings, we will be recapping our sounds from Reception as well as practising tricky words.

Educational Visits/Experiences/Dates to remember:

- WB 7th September - Forest School begins
- Wednesday 16th September - homework begins
- Wednesday 30th September - spelling tests begin
- Tuesday 22nd September - flu vaccinations
- Friday 25th September - Individual and Sibling Photographs
- Friday 16th October - Last day of Autumn!

If you have any questions about the work we are covering this term, or need to see us for any other reason, then please catch us on the playground after school.

Thank you.

Mrs Grabowski, Mrs Freeman and Mr Newell ©