



# Year 1 Newsletter



## Autumn 1—2023/2024

### Notices and Reminders

- All clothes to be named
- Water in water bottles
- PE day is Wednesday
- Library – alternating Monday/ Thursday each week



### Key dates

- **Tuesday 17th October** - Pupil Photos
- **Tuesday 17th October** - Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm (details to follow)
- **Wednesday 18th October** - Pupil Photos
- **Thursday 19th October** - Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm (details to follow)
- **Friday 20th October** - **Snufti Day** (Non-uniform day in return for a donation of a box of tissues)
- **23rd - 27th October** - **Half-term holidays**

### Phonics

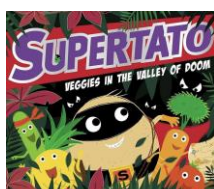
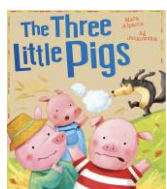
This term we are revising the phase 5 sounds:  
<ay>, <ou>, <ie>, <ea>, <oy>, <ir>, <ue>, <aw>,  
<wh>, <ph>, <ew>, <oe>



### Writing

In writing this term we will be using 'Talk for writing'. We will work on a two-weekly cycle, learning the story or text in week 1 and writing the story/text in week 2.

We will be looking at the following texts:  
The three little pigs, Pig fact file, Supertato.



### Maths

This term we are learning to count forwards and backwards. We are sorting and grouping objects. We are learning how to find one more and one less of a given number to ten.

We will finish the term by learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



## Science

This half term, the students will be learning about the weather and the seasons. They will talk about and compare weather using terms such as cloudy, sunny, hot and will learn that there are 4 seasons and that each season has its own weather pattern and temperature.



## Geography

Our big question this half term is 'Where do we live?'. We have been looking at maps and can begin to understand how to locate and describe physical and human features. The children will know how to use directional language to describe the location of a feature on a map.



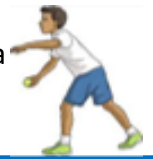
## Art

Our Art focus for this half term is drawing. The children learn what a drawing is and will explore the use of tone and texture using a variety of different materials. We will then use these new skills to create observational drawings of natural objects.



## PE

We are learning about how exercise changes how our bodies feel and what to do if we feel hot or out of breath. As the children develop their sense of space, they will learn to master the underarm and overarm throw. They will learn to catch by forming a nest shape with their hands. We then go onto kicking a stationary ball towards a target and then passing it to a partner in different ways.



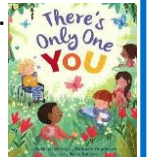
## RE

This half term, the students will be learning about places of worship and the definition of religion. They will be finding out about a church, a mosque and a synagogue in more detail. They will be using their 5 senses to describe what it is like inside each of these buildings.



## PSHE

This half term we have been learning some key words to help us understand what is the same and different about ourselves. We have been exploring what our likes, dislikes and strengths are and how these make us all unique. We know what our peers are and how we are similar and different to them.



## Homework

Daily reading of school reading books



## Suggested books for reading

- Traction Man is here – Mini Grey
- The Bear and the Piano – David Litchfield
- Journey – Aaron Becker

