



KEY STAGE ONE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

We hope you had a restful half term break. There is lots on this half term, including the KS1 Nativity performances.

WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM

Paul Klee (Geography) This half term, children will learn about the human and physical features of the four countries in the UK.

Catapults (DT) In this unit, children will explore catapults and levers before designing and making their own.

Nativity - please check the calendar for the dates. Tickets will be allocated nearer the time.



KS1 Curriculum Overview



ENGLISH

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Children will retell the story before writing their own version, changing what the elves are making.

The Bogus Boo

Children learn this poem before thinking about how their choice of vocabulary can impact the reader.

The Jolly Christmas Postman

Children write letters to Father Christmas from the viewpoint of the characters in The Jolly Christmas Postman.

MATHS



Place Value

Counting forward and backwards
Representing numbers in different ways
Using tens and ones to make numbers

Addition and Subtraction

Knowing 10 more/10 less
Adding and subtraction 10s
Adding two numbers together (1-digit and 2-digit)

Multiplication and Division

Recognising and making equal groups
Grouping and sharing
Doubling and halving
Solving multiplication and division calculations

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded on their Pageticker account.

Reading Rocketeers - We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their Reading Rocketeer words.

Spellings - Children will bring home the spellings that they are learning in school. We would appreciate your support in helping them to learn these, especially the common exception words as these really support their writing, but there will be no formal test on these.

Numbots - Regular practise helps with many areas of the Key Stage One maths curriculum. Passwords will be coming home next week.



SORA

SORA is a free app from Hampshire's school library service. When you download the app, children will have access to hundreds of quality e-books or audiobooks - perfect for long car journeys or bedtime listening.



DIARY DATES

Please visit the school calendar regularly for updates.



Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning. We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.



GETTING IN TOUCH



Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day.

Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office.

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