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*Coming up next week...15/9/2025*

## Maths

In Maths we will be counting backwards. We will be using the term 'value' and discussing how the numbers become lower in value when you count back. We will also be using the term 'less' and using a number track to help us calculate one less than a given number.

## English

We are continuing our exciting journey into creating our own storybooks! This week, the children will be focusing on three key elements of storytelling: the **character**, the **setting**, and what the **character is doing**. To spark their imaginations, we'll be using some playful "story maths" - a fun way to combine two different ideas to invent a new story. For example, *dinosaur + pizza* might become a story about a dinosaur delivering pizza! This creative approach helps children explore how simple ideas can be combined to build engaging and original stories.

## Phonics

Next week we will be recapping 'air' and 'er' and reading words with 2 or more digraphs e.g. qu-ee-n, t-ee-th. We will also be looking at the tricky words: *What when he she we be me have love*.

## Reading

This week will be beginning our shared reading as a whole class. Our Bug Club story is called: *Idris and the Big City*. We will spend the week reading the story with a focus on prediction and vocabulary.

Your child should now have a phased reading book in their bookbag. They can read it over a number of days and even read it more than once. Please record any reading you do in the yellow reading record. When they are ready to change it, please can they have it in their hand when they arrive at the classroom door so we can direct them to the reading train. They can do so every day if they wish! 😊

## Topic

In Art we will be learning about the artist Bridget Riley. We will be exploring the way she uses different types of lines: wavy, crosshatch, diagonal, vertical, horizontal and creating our own lined image.

In Geography we will continue our learning about aerial view. After a walk around the school, the children will be drawing their own maps.

In RE we will be explore the question: I wonder why God gave in creation?

In science the children will be discovering events and activities that take place in the four seasons and suggesting appropriate clothing to wear in different weather conditions.

## PE

For this half term:

Indoor PE - Fitness

Outdoor PE - Team building

Please ensure all children are sent to school wearing their appropriate PE kit on the days that their class has PE and please remove any earrings.

## Homework

*The children will be bringing home phonics sheets. These sheets will help the children to revise the content taught the previous week and are to help your child consolidate their phoneme knowledge.*

## Reminders

*On Wednesday 17th September at 1.30pm we will be hosting our Year 1 meeting online via Teams. The link to join the meeting is*

[Year 1 meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

[Meeting ID: 316 331 580 278 7](#)

[Passcode: Xd7Rs34t](#)

*We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. However, if you are unable to make it, all information that is being shared in the meeting will be sent out following the meeting too.*

[When joining the meeting please ensure you join stating \*\*your child's name\*\*. Due to school policy we are not able to admit any unknown persons.](#)

*The children will continue to have a weekly visit to the library. Once they have a book, please ensure it is their bookbag on these days every week:*

*Badgers: Friday*

*Hedgehogs: Tuesday*

*Squirrels: Thursday*

## **Special Requests:**

### **Junk Modelling:**

*If you have any suitable, recyclable items for our junk modelling please send them in with your child. Please ensure the items are clean, and no bigger than A4.*

Our topic, 'Mindful Me' is a celebration of everything that makes us special. We will be celebrating who we are individually and the things that are important to us. We would love to ensure that we are aware of, and able to celebrate with your child, occasions that are culturally important to you and your family. If there are any religious or cultural festivals that your family celebrate then we would love to hear about them. Please do drop us an email on the class email addresses. If you could tell us a little about your family background, culture, and occasions that are important to you as a family that would be great. If there are specific dates that these occasions occur then it would be useful to know, and then we can make sure that we celebrate them in class with your child.

**Thank you**

*Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.*

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