Autumn 2026 2nd Half Term- Year 1

Welcome back after what was hopefully an enjoyable and restful half term break. The first half term went by in the blink of an eye and we are sure that this half term will be no different!
This term we will begin practising for our Christmas Nativity and are looking forward to enjoying all of the exciting events that come with this time of year.
The children thoroughly enjoyed last term's Art Week and are sure to enjoy our DT Week this term. A gentle reminder that we ask for a £5 donation from each child, each term to help to cover some of the costs associated with the creative projects that the children enjoy across the year. Payments can be made on School Gateway.

English

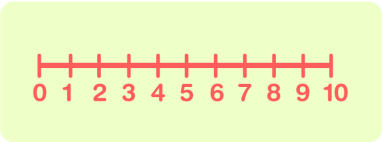
★ **Word and sentence building:**
The children have made a good start last term at writing words correctly and making phonically plausible attempts at words they can't spell yet.
We have been learning how to write grammatically correct sentences which we describe as 'good sentences'. Good sentences contain a noun and a verb. We are practising using capital letter, finger spaces and full stops.

★ **Reading:** The children have greatly enjoyed listening to chapter books during class reading assemblies. They have also been working hard on their individual reading and are beginning to develop fluency when reading aloud.

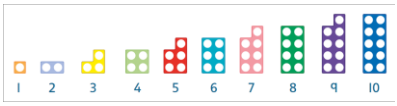
★ **Phonics:** The children will continue to have daily phonics sessions to build on their knowledge. They are beginning to write and read more during these lessons and will be incorporating the sounds they have previously learnt.

Maths

★ **Addition and Subtraction**:
The children will be learning how to read, write and interpret the +, - and = signs.
We will be using number bond knowledge to work on addition and subtraction.
The children will be using number lines and concrete manipulatives to support them with adding and subtracting. The children will be encouraged to count on using number lines like the one below.



We will begin to work on solving simple word problems using manipulatives such as bead strings, Numicon and counting resources.



Foundation Subject focus areas

★ **History:**
Fire at Windsor Castle and the Great Fire of London

★ **Computing:**
Programming and algorithms

★ **RE:**
Christianity and symbolism

★ **PE:**
Gymnastics

★ **PSHE:**
Hazards and Fire safety

★ **DT Week focus:**
Fabric and weaving

★ **Science:**
Animals including Humans: My body, My senses, animal groups and animal diets.

★ **Music:**
Classical music, dynamics and tempo

★ **French:**
All About Me

Foundation Subject *big questions* can be found on the school website.

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

★ Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled, it is much easier to return lost items if they are named. This includes school water bottles which every child is required to have in school daily.

★ As the weather begins to get colder, please ensure that your child is bringing a warm, waterproof coat with them every day. They may also wish to have gloves and a hat with them – please make sure that these items are all named and compact enough to fit into the book bag.

★ Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings will be held on Thursday 5th November.

★ Parents in Golden Time – Friday 6th November.

★ We have the book fair returning to school from Tuesday 17th November – Tuesday 24th November.

★ **PE days for Alder:** Wednesday and Thursday