



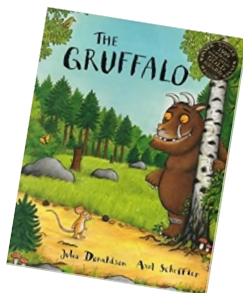
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English

Our key text in English this term is 'The Gruffalo'. We will also look at 'The Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson.

We will be exploring the structure of simple sentences and vocabulary so that we can describe a character's appearance. We will also be developing our story telling skills by orally retelling familiar stories and writing simple sentences to form short narratives.



In our writing, we will be concentrating on capital letters and full stops to ensure that we are using them correctly to write sentences.

We will also be focusing on our handwriting. We will be ensuring that we are starting and finishing our letters in the correct place.



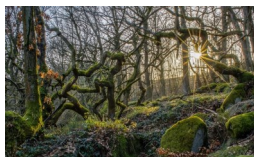
In addition to this, children will have daily phonics lessons and weekly guided reading sessions.

Welcome to Class One!

I hope you had a fantastic summer break. This term we will be focusing on well-being as well as reading, writing and maths.

Our topic this term is 'Into the Woods!' I hope you are looking forward to a term full of exciting, creative and inspiring learning opportunities.

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'Into the Woods!'



Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Tuesday and Friday. The children will need to come dressed for outdoor PE sessions.

Golden Time and Show and Tell are on a Friday.

Reading books will be swapped on a Monday.

Mathematics

This term the children will be recapping counting within 100 and exploring place value using concrete resources.

We will focus specifically on counting forwards and backwards, reading and writing numbers in numerals and words, identifying and representing the value of numbers and comparing amounts,

As the children's understanding of place value develops we will explore number bonds and will begin reading and writing mathematical statements.

PE

In PE we will be developing and exploring basic ball skills. The children will explore throwing, catching and striking. The children will also develop their spatial awareness, their ability to take turns and learn how to participate in team games.



RE

We will be exploring the question 'Does God want Christians to look after the world?' The children will have opportunities to discuss and share their ideas. As well as, exploring and retelling bible stories that discuss how and why we should look after our world.





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Art

This term the children will be creating a wide range of artistic pieces such as: woodland paintings, Gruffalo sculptures and crafts.



We will also be designing and making sandwiches for our Gruffalo's picnic.

Science:

This term the children will be learning about 'Everyday Materials'. We will be identifying, describing and sorting a variety of materials.

We will also be working scientifically to identify which materials would be the most suitable to build a strong and warm 'Log Pile' house for Snake and which material would be best for a waterproof coat!



Music

We will learn about pulse and rhythm this half term

Computing



This term we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe online. As well as this the children will explore a variety of digital literacy and practice logging on to the different devices and apps we will be using this year.

Phonics

The children will receive daily phonics sessions this year.

This term we will be revisiting and revising sounds already learnt. We will then progress through phase 5 and begin to segment and blend diagraphs to decode words accurately. We will also explore spelling the hard to read and spell words accurately (previously known as tricky words).

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Important Dates:

Thurs 28th Sept	Year 1 Phonics meeting
Friday 29th Sept	Macmillan coffee morning
2nd – 6th Oct	Harvest food collection
Thurs 19th Oct	Individual photographs
Friday 20th Oct	Last day of term

Show and Tell Timetable

8/9/23 – Ascott
15/9/23 – Claydon
22/9/23 – Hartwell
29/9/23 – Mentmore
6/10/23 – Ascott
13/10/23 – Claydon
20/10/23 – Hartwell

How you can support your child at home:

Reading: Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home, preferably 15 minutes every day. This does not always have to be their reading book though. Listening to an adult read is also a valuable experience where they will hear a rich and varied vocabulary which will help develop their writing. We will change books weekly on a Monday. Unfortunately, if a book is not returned, your child will not receive a new one. Please write in their reading record when they have read so we know we can change the book. More information can be found in the Reading Record.

Maths: Numbots is a great way for children to practise their addition and subtraction skills with a focus on number bonds. Your child's log in information can be found in their reading record book.

PSHE

We will be discussing our feelings, identifying them and looking at how we can regulate our emotions.



Your support is vital and much appreciated. Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk on the phone, should you ever need to. Email via the school office. Mrs Pullinger