

Key Stage One Newsletter Spring 1 2025



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you for all your support last term; we are all looking forward to another busy half term here in Key Stage 1.

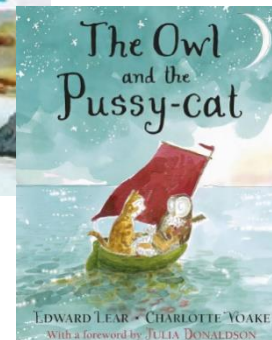
Our learning this half term

In **English** we will start the half term with some performance poetry based on Michael Rosen's 'Don't' poem. We will write and perform our own versions of this poem before we perform them to each other! We then study the well-known poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat', writing a letter based on this narrative poem. In addition, we will be writing riddles to describe different animals, using some good descriptive vocabulary. Towards the end of the half term, we will then study the text 'The River' by Tom Percival and writing explanation texts linked to the story.

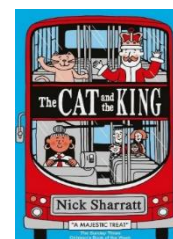
In **science** we will learn about animals including humans, looking at the different animal groups and the structure of these animals. We will look at their diets and learn about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will look at the different parts of the human body and which body parts are associated with each of the five senses.

In **art** we will be looking at the concept of 'Expressive Painting' and studying Van Gogh and Cezanne as famous artists. We will then be recreating a masterpiece in the style of these artists. In **R.E.** we will learn about some of Jesus' teachings in the Bible.

In **history** we will be continuing with our work on the history of the monarchy and the changes in the monarchy within and beyond our living memory. This half term we will be starting our learning about Queen Victoria and the Victorian era – please look out for a letter regarding a dress up day which will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. In **geography** we will be comparing our local area with the area of Tulum in Mexico, looking at differences and similarities.



Our guided reading text for this half term is **The Cat and the King**:



Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- name and discuss the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- recognise and draw lines of symmetry
- double and halve numbers
- recognise odd and even numbers
- make equal groups and use arrays
- repeated addition
- recall the 2x 5x and 10x tables

Spelling and Maths Shed



Spelling homework will be set on Spelling Shed each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. Spellings will be tested during our phonics session on **Friday**. In addition, your child will **receive times table or number bond homework each week on MathShed**.



As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask one of us!

Many thanks for your support!

Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to enjoy reading and helps to reinforce their phonics learning. **Online reading diaries will be checked weekly** Children who have their reading logged 4 times each week will receive House Points and regular chances to win a book from our vending machine. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books.

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Miss Giles and Miss Heaton 😊

Grouping animals

Fish

Fish live in **water** and have **gills**, **scales** and **fins** on their body.



Birds

Birds have **feathers**, **beaks** and **wings**.
Most birds can fly.



Mammals

Mammals have **fur** or **hair**.
They drink **milk** from their mother when they are young.



Amphibians

Amphibians are born in **water** but then develop **lungs** and live on **land**.



Reptiles

Reptiles are **cold-blooded** animals with scales that **live on land**.



Carnivores

Carnivores just eat **other animals** (meat).



Herbivores

Herbivores just eat **plants**.



Omnivores

Omnivores eat both **plants and meat**.



Nutrition

