Kingdoms, Castles and Crowns

Year 1 Autumn 2 2026

Maths

- Focusing on the composition of numbers 0 – 10.
- Learning to partition numbers.
- Learning how to recognise odd and even numbers.
- Learning to count on from 5 using the 5 and a bit method.
- Recognise, compose, decompose and manipulate 2D and 3D shapes.



Writing

- Write sentences by saying out loud what they are going to write about.
- Composing a sentence orally before writing it.
- Leaving spaces between words.
- Beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop.
- Personal pronoun 'I'
- Begin to write for different purposes; poetry and non-fiction

Oracy

- Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers.
- Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge.





Core Texts

The Egg – M.P Robertson
The Worst Princess – Anna Kemp
Stick Man – Julia Donaldson

Phonics

	Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	/ur/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue /yoo/ u unicorn	their people oh your
Week 2	/oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /ee/ e he	Mr Mrs Ms ask*
Week 3	/ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /oo/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute	could would should our
Week 4	/ee/ e-e these /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new /ee/ ie shield /or/ aw claw	house mouse water want
Week 5	Grow the code: /igh/ ie i i-e /ai/ ay a a-e /oa/ oa o o-e /ee/ e ie e-e ea /oo/ /yoo/ ew u-e u ue	

Library

We will go to the library every other week.

Children can only take out a new book when their old one has been returned. For this reason, please keep books in book bags.

Reading

We aim to read with most children 3 x a week. The focus of each read is decoding words, using prosody and discussing the book to assess their understanding.

Please can you support at home by re-reading your child's book and celebrating their reading.

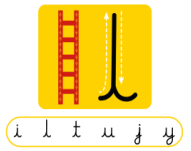
Their phonics books will be changed weekly.

Comprehension

- Listening to and discussing poems & stories and learning to recite some by heart.
- Recognising and joining in with predictable phrases

Handwriting

Long Ladder Letters



Curly Caterpillar Letters



Relationship and Health Education (RHE)

Jigsaw

We will be celebrating difference. We will look at how we are all different and special.



Expressive Art and Design

DT

We will be learning about the mechanisms sliders and levers to answer our big question of, 'How can I make my pictures move?'

Music

We will be introducing the glockenspiel and learning to play at the same time.

sing up

Help kids find their voice

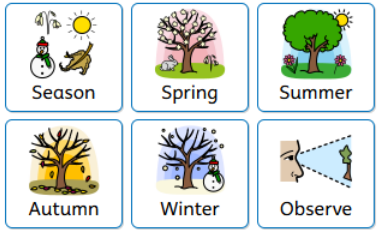
Understanding the World

Science

Our big question is: 'What changes can you observe throughout the seasons?'

We will start visits to the Patch this half term to observe seasonal change and local wildlife.

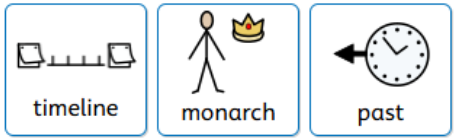
Vocabulary



History

Our big question is: 'What did Kings and Queens in the past do?'
We will be learning about what a historian does, British monarchs of the past and imagining what it would be like to be king or queen for the day.

Vocabulary:



Library days

We will go to the library every other week. New books cannot be borrowed until old library books have been returned.

Computing – Using Purple Mash in Year 1

- To login and create my own avatar on Purple Mash
- To open an activity and then save the work to the 'My Work' area.
- To understand how to complete work in the 2Dos area in Purple Mash.

Physical Development

We are focusing on ball skills (throwing and catching) and gymnastics (floor) this half term.

Please ensure PE kit stays in school. We will send it home at half term to wash.

Dates for your diary:

Ash Class forest school –Every Wednesday

Children in Need – Non uniform day – 13th November

Odd socks day for anti-bullying week – 20th November

Book Nook book fair in school hall – 18/19th November

Kingdoms, Castles and Crowns Day – Dress up day – 27th November

Christmas jumper day – 7th December

Last day of term and non-uniform – 18th December