

# Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 Term 4 2025/2026

Welcome to Term 4! We hope you had a nice break.

We're now over halfway through Year 1.

Please log onto Class Dojo regularly to see information and our amazing work!

## Dates for Term 4

Please remember:

It is very important that your child brings in their **water bottle, reading book and a coat** every day!



water bottle



reading book



coat

23<sup>rd</sup> February: INSET Day

24<sup>th</sup> February: Term 4 starts

3<sup>rd</sup> March: Y1 visit to Cabot Tower

5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

1<sup>st</sup> April: Phonics Screening Check Parent Meeting 2.45pm

2<sup>nd</sup> April: Last Day of Term 4

20<sup>th</sup> April: Start of Term 5

## Authors



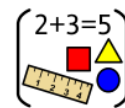
As authors this term, we will be reading **Rapunzel, and How to Catch a Star.**

We will be applying our writing skills we have learnt in Year 1 so far to help us write an alternative version of Rapunzel.

We will then apply our knowledge and use our imaginations to create instructions on how to catch something impossible.

Why not ask us at home about the books we are reading in school. We'll love to tell you about them!

## Mathematicians



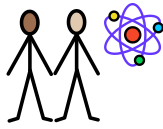
As mathematicians, we will be deepening our knowledge and understanding of numbers within 10.

As a class we will continue to practice number formations and choosing different strategies for adding and subtracting.

This term we will be focussing on doubling and halving numbers as well as looking at number neighbours.

Please keep asking us to help with counting tasks at home!

### Scientists



As scientists this term we will be investigating Magnetism.

We will be discovering that magnets can attract some things but not others. We will also discover and understand that a magnet can pull or push another magnet depending on the north pole and the south pole.

We will investigate the uses of magnets and classify magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

### Forest School



In Term 4 we will be having Forest School sessions every **Thursday afternoon**.

Children should come to school dressed ready for forest school.



A vest, long sleeved t-shirt, jumper, fleece, coat, tights/thermal leggings, trousers, socks, extra warm socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, welly boots / trainers.

### Phonics



As readers and writers this term, we will be recapping all our Phase 5a phonemes and graphemes. We also have lots of new common exception words to read and learn to spell.

We will also continue to recap Phase 2 and Phase 3.

Please remember to ask us about our phonics at home.

### At home learning



Please listen to your child read at home **5 times per week**. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age.

*Just 5 minutes per day makes a big difference.*

Ask us to identify the sounds in the words – we love to show off our new phonics and reading skills!

At school will be regularly checking if your child has been reading and will change home reading books when appropriate. Enjoy reading together!

If you have any questions at all, please contact me through ClassDojo or speak with myself at the door.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs Caspar – Year 1 Class Teacher