



# KS1 newsletter

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Autumn Term 2025 - Our theme is...

# BLAST OFF!

**English:** We start the year by taking a look at the adventures of [Man on the Moon \(a day in the life of Bob\)](#) by Simon Bartram.

We will use this book as inspiration for writing:

Narrative: *Setting descriptions, story.*

Non-fiction: *Non-chronological text and instructions.*

**Maths:** We will be using White Rose resources for maths. Follow the links to find out more about the [year 1](#) & [year 2](#) curricula, including how you can [support your child](#) with their maths at home.

**Science:** Materials - we will investigate materials, learning how to distinguish, identify, describe and compare. Can we use our new skills to help Bob solve a big problem on the moon?

More details available [on the school website](#).

In the next few weeks your child will be given a **Poetry Journal**. They may cover/decorate as they wish. We will provide your child with a new poem on a regular basis, and recite the poem daily. Please share & read the poems with your child. We'd love to see some recitals on SeeSaw!



Will your child bring home a  
**Surprise Visitor?**



Your child may bring home a book to read and a *surprise visitor*. There will also be a **visitor's diary** in which your child can record their adventures. You'll recognise the diary by the cover, which features rockets, stars and planets (see left).



## Weekly overview

### What happens when?

- PE ..... *Mon & Tue.  
please arrive in PE kit*
- Change reading books ..... *Fri  
(see next page)*
- Home learning ... *Seesaw  
(login details supplied separately)*

## Dates for your diary

### Autumn term 2025

- 10th Sept Year Ahead meeting
- 17th Sept ..... *Phonics Parent workshop*
- 26th Sept..*Individual photos*
- 30th Sept....*Harvest Festival*
- 21& 23 Oct .....*Parents Eves*
- 24-31 Oct.....*Half Term*
- 9th Nov.....*FOSP Fireworks*
- 10th Nov ....*Anti-bullying week*
- 26th Nov ....*Flu vaccinations*
- 4th Dec..... *Christmas Fayre*
- 10-12th Dec..... *Nativity play*
- 16th Dec ..... *iRock concert*
- 18th Dec..... *Panto*
- 16th Dec.... *Christmas lunch*
- 22nd Dec... *Christmas break*

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Autumn Term 2023 - How your child is...

# READING!

We use the **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds** (a systematic synthetic phonics programme—SSP) to teach your child to read.

There are two types of reading books that your child will bring home:

- **A 'Learning to Read' book** (*Big Cat Little Wandle*). This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- **A 'Sharing' book.** Your child may not be able to read this book on their own yet, as it is not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



**In KS1 we will change the sharing books every Friday so please ensure your child brings the book on the change over day.**

### **Learning to Read Book: (*Big Cat Little Wandle*)**

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

### **The Sharing Book:**

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you both have ...

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