



# KS1

## newsletter

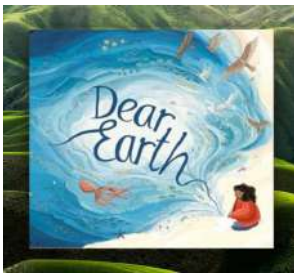
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Summer Term 2026 - Our theme is...

# DEAR EARTH...



**English:** The inspirational picture book 'Dear Earth' charmingly blends fiction with non-fiction as we journey through the varied landscapes and habitats of the world with the main character Tessa. The story encourages children to appreciate the wonders of the natural world, including the varied animals, oceans and environments, as well as what can be

done to protect it. Beautiful illustrations bring each location to life and will open discussions about the problems the earth faces and the solutions we can all take responsibility for.

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

**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:** Living things and their habitats - The children will learn to distinguish between living, dead, and non-living things, and understand that habitats provide basic needs (food, shelter, water). They explore varied habitats (woodland, ocean, desert), discover local microhabitats, and investigate food chains.

## Weekly overview

What happens when?

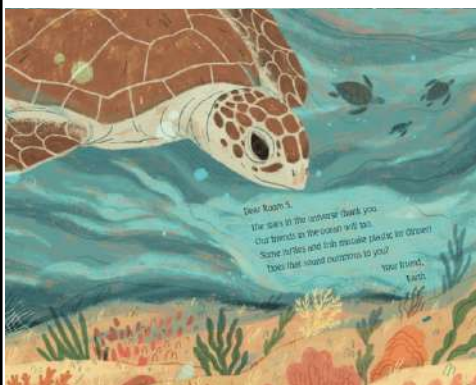
- PE .....*Mon & Tue*  
*Plus: Year 1 children – Thu*
- Change reading books.....*Fri*  
*(see next page)*
- Home learning ....*Seesaw*

## Dates for your diary

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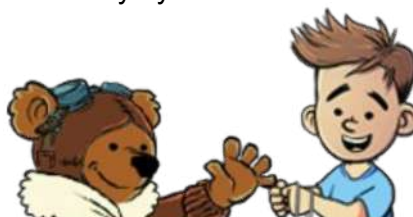
- **Earth Day** Wed 22/04
- **Bank Holiday** Mon 04/05
- **Walk to school week** w/c 18/05
- **Sports Day** Thu 21/05
- **Non-pupil day** Fri 22/05
- **Half term holiday** Mon 25/05
- **New half term starts** Mon 01/06
- **Class photos** Thu 04/06
- **Environment Day** Fri 05/06
- **Sports Day (reserve)** Fri 19/06
- **Fathers Day stall** 18 & 19/06
- **Move Up morning** Thu 25/06
- **Move Up morning** Thu 02/07
- **Move Up morning** Thu 09/07
- **iRock concerts** Tue 14/07
- **Parent picnic** Fri 17/07
- **Non-pupil day** Mon 20/07
- **Summer Break** Tue 21/07

## 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.



## Reading Records

Please remind your child to bring their **reading record** & reading book into school every day!

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Summer Term 2026 - How your child is...

# READING!

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



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 might 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.

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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