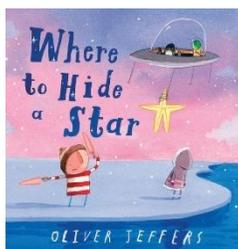
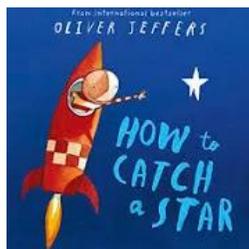


Long Ago and Far Away



Once upon a time...

Year 1 - Autumn Term 2025



This term we will be focusing on developing our reading and writing skills through daily Read Write Inc Phonics lessons and key texts. We will be working hard on our handwriting (letter formation and sizing), using our sounds to help us to spell words and beginning to write short sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will start with a focus on stars and then move on to two exciting texts which are being kept as a surprise for now...

In Maths, we will be further developing our number knowledge and practising counting and writing numbers within 20. We will be recalling number bonds to 10 (e.g. $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$) and moving on to bonds within 20.

Our foundation subject focus will be History and we will be exploring chronology and expanding our historical enquiry skills. After Half Term we will be looking at the life of Queen Elizabeth II as our significant figure from the past. The children will be having a Royal Tea Party in school to celebrate their learning.

It would be wonderful if you could support your child at home by...

- Ensuring they are writing their name with a capital letter at the start.
- Practising correct letter and number formation with them (please ask staff for help if unsure!).
- Listening to them read and reading to them as much as possible. This helps them make great progress!
- Practising counting forwards and backwards in 1s within 20. They could then try going higher, or from any number! E.g. Start counting backwards from 39.
- Ensuring they are confident with reading some of the Year 1
- exception words on the next page. A challenge is to spell some.



Any extra help at home is extremely beneficial for the children.

Year 1 Common Exception Words

the	were	be	my	ask
a	was	he	here	friend
do	is	me	there	school
to	his	she	where	put
today	has	we	love	push
of	I	no	come	pull
said	you	go	some	full
says	your	so	one	house
are	they	by	once	our

Some great games and useful online resources are:

- [Funk Mummy || Quick recall of addition, subtraction and multiplication facts || Mobile-friendly version](#) (Bonds to 10)
- [Shark Numbers || To know what each digit in a 3-digit number represents - mobile friendly](#) (Place value up to 29)
- [Paint the Squares - Interactive Number Charts](#) (Practise counting)
- [PhonicsPlay](#) (Obb and Bob, Dragon's Den or Picnic on Pluto. They will need your help with this at first. Can they read the words and figure out if they are real or nonsense?)



PE days in Year 1 are on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit and ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed or taped.



We will be using Class Dojo to help us communicate regularly with parents. Please sign up to our Class Dojo if you have not done so already. We will put pictures up of the children's learning and if your child does anything at home that they would like to share with the class, please send it to us.

We look forward to working alongside you to support your child's learning journey.