



Year 1 Doves Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2025-2026!

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed year!

Hello, we are Miss Mapundu and Miss Malcolm. We will be teaching Doves this year. We cannot wait for us to have fun exploring, investigating and learning!

Our learning will be centred around **All About Me** this half term.



Key dates for your diary:

Friday 12th September - Local Area Walk Trip

Friday 10th October- Y1 Sharing Assembly 3.10pm

Friday 24th October 2.45pm - Family Friday

Friday 24th October 3.30pm - BHM celebration

October half term 27th October- 31st October EYFS and Years 1 -6 Closure

Monday 3rd November INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

Tuesday 4th November- School reopens Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

Trips and Visits

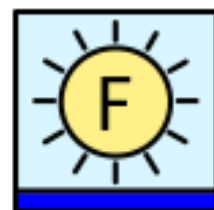
Local Area Walk: Friday 12th September 2025



PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Friday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.

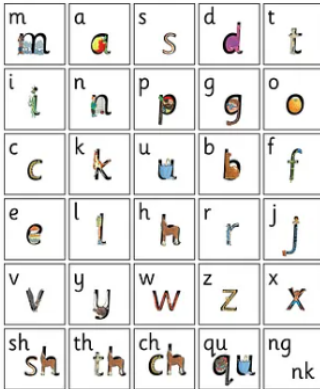


Reading

This half term we will be reading the following books based on our writing topics: 'Billy & the Beast', 'Pip & Posy' and 'What makes me a me?'

During our reading sessions, we will be practicing our summarising skills by discussing key events in the stories with our partner. We will also be continuing with the Read Write Inc phonics program. To support your child at home, please read with them every day.

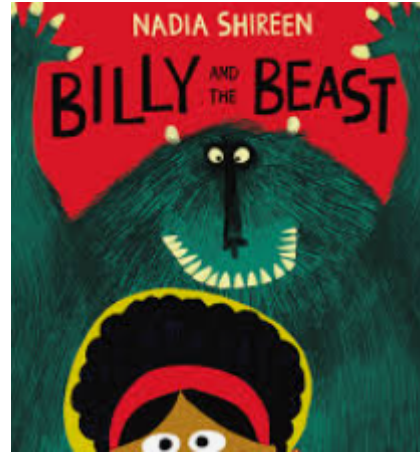
Speed Sounds Set 1



Writing

We will be starting writing this term with an 'All about me' information poster. This will allow the children to get back into writing by telling their teacher all about themselves!

Then, Year 1 will be moving on to writing instructions for a terrible soup based on the story 'Billy and the Beast'.



Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Place Value: We will learn to read and write numbers to 10 in numerals and words

Addition and subtraction: We will add and subtract 1 digit numbers using the numbers 0-10. We will also represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 10.

Please continue to support your child's learning at home by practising at home. The website below has some fantastic maths games to support our learning in school:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>.

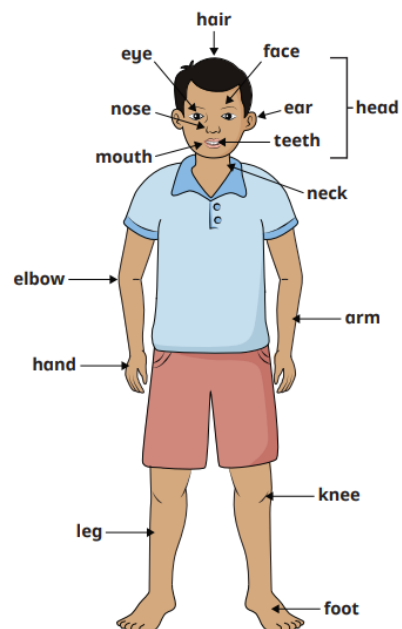
You can also use this website for interactive manipulatives:

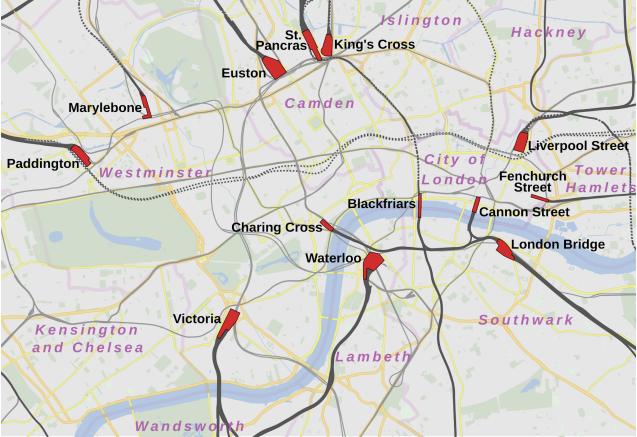

<https://polypad.amplify.com/p#>

Science

The focus of our Science lessons this half term will be:

Animals Including Humans. We will learn the names of a variety of human body parts and their functions. After we have learnt about our own bodies we will look at many different animals and compare them. As well as looking at the physical similarities and differences of a range of animals, children will compare their habitats and diets too.



History and Geography	Campaign
<p>In Geography, our learning will be based on the topic 'All About Me'. We will be familiarising ourselves with maps as well as making our own. We will also be learning where we are on the map and learning about the timeline of our own lives.</p> 	<p>Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Sustainability.' We will be making a bug hotel. We will learn about the different insects that live in our school environment and will consider how we can reuse waste to build our structure.</p> 

ICT	<p>Computing systems and networks- Technology around us We will develop our understanding of computer systems and different types of technology.</p>
PSHE	<p>Being Me in My World During this topic, the children will think about what makes us feel safe, how we belong and how we can feel safe at school.</p>
RE	<p>Christianity Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'What do Christians believe about God?' We will learn about Christian religious practices and beliefs.</p>
PE	<p>PE lessons this half term will focus on Imaginative Games and Team Activities. Class PE Day: Friday</p>
Music	<p>Old School Hip- Hop The children will be exploring Old School Hip- Hop music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.</p>
Art	<p>Drawing and Painting This half term in art, the children will be learning how to create self portraits.</p>
DT and Cooking	<p>Food from Around the Globe This half term in Cooking, we will be making food for our Black History Month event.</p>

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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