



TURTLE CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Turtle Class. I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are refreshed ready for the new term. We hope to get to know you more over the coming weeks. This year promises to be an exciting one with lots of interesting learning experiences for the children. The children have settled well into Turtle Class and have been working hard with the transitions and new routines. Please feel free to contact the office or speak to us after school if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Sadler and Mrs Hutchinson

Reading:



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

A reading practice book.

This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

This book will be sent home every Thursday and must be returned every Monday and should be read 3x before being returned.

A sharing book.

Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Revision

Children are asked to complete 10 minutes on **Numbots 3 times each week**. The logins for this will be on the back of your child's reading record. Your child will progress through the levels as they become more confident and secure in their number knowledge. Weekly revision will also be sent home for the children to complete. This could include extra practice of a task they found tricky, handwriting sheets or gaps in their phonics knowledge.

PE



Our P.E. days for this term are Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure your child/children have the correct P.E kit, this consists of a t-shirt, dark shorts and daps/trainers. This should be left in school during the week. As we will be coming up to winter and we will be going outside, please make sure your child has a jumper and tracksuit bottoms.

Please make sure all PE kit is clearly named. Children need to remove all jewellery for PE. If children cannot remove their earrings, please provide microporous tape so they can be taped over during PE sessions. Any children with long enough hair need to have it tied up for PE sessions.

Useful Websites:

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/3121>

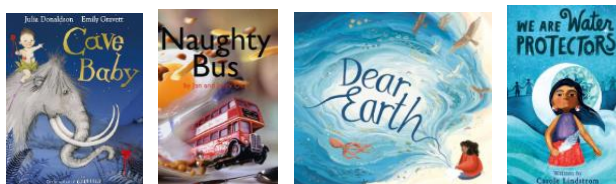
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/little-wandle-at-home>

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

English

Our English this term will be linked to four books. Cave Baby, Naughty Bus, Dear Earth and We are Water Protectors. The children will learn to write a narrative retelling, an adventure story, an information leaflet and environmental campaign posters.



Maths

We will be covering:

- Place Value – counting and estimation, tens and place value in 2-digit numbers, numbers on a line; compare/order.
- Addition and Subtraction (A) – partition numbers, add by counting on in 1s and 10s, counting back
- Measures – compare and measure lengths.
- Addition and Subtraction (B) – reinforce and consolidate number bonds, use number facts to add and subtract, adding and subtracting tens and ones.
- Time – tell time to half and quarter hours, understand units of time.
- Addition and Subtraction (C) – using different strategies for addition, coin recognition: find amounts and change.

PSHE: Jigsaw

Being me in my world.

Celebrating Differences

RE

The children will explore the story of creation from Genesis 1:1-2.3. They will think about how the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world.

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Art

Drawing - understanding texture.

Exploring how artists use tone and texture, and applying these techniques in observational drawings.

Music

For their first music unit, the children will explore keeping the pulse together through music and movement, by exploring their favourite things.

History/Geography

How was school different in the past - Exploring how schools have changed over time by comparing schools today with those from the past.

Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?

Examining climate zones and locating hot and cold places around the world.

Science

Year 1 – Forces and Space and Everyday Materials

Year 2 – Living Things – Habitats and Living Things – Micro Habitats

Computing

Improving mouse skills – developing mouse skills by learning how to log in and navigate a computer while creating digital artwork.

PE

This term, the children will explore the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. Children will also develop skills required in athletic activities such as running at different speeds, changing direction, jumping and throwing.