

Year 1 Summer 1 2026 – How do things change over time?

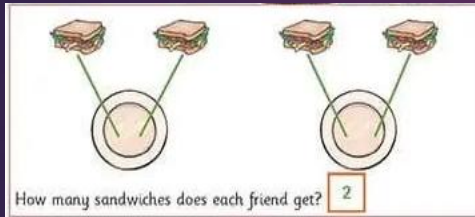
Maths

We will be learning about:

Solidifying foundational skills

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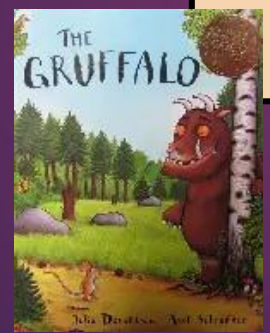
- Multiplication - counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
- Grouping and sharing numbers to divide
- Place value within 100
- Money



English

Book - The Gruffalo

- We will be focusing on developing reading and writing skills including:
 - learning Level 5 phonics with a focus on blending
 - discussing, acting out and understanding the stories read to us.
 - orally rehearsing sentences.
 - Reading and writing simple sentences.
 - using suffixes -ing, -ed, -er and -est to change the meaning of words.
 - Sequence sentences to form short narratives .



Wow Event

Drama and outdoor activities

We will be celebrating the end of our topic with a celebration day. Children will be invited to come dressed in non-uniform and we would like them to bring in their favourite toy from home for a special 'show and tell' day. Children will also be given the chance to make their own toy/game.



Key Vocabulary

Forest Gruffalo Senses Adjectives
Enchanted Illustrations

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In History, we are learning about old and new toys and how toys have changed overtime.

In Design and Technology, we are learning about wheels and axels. The children will explore these to make their own moving toy.

In Science, we are learning to identify different everyday materials and their properties

In RE, we are learning about different places of worship with a focus on churches and mosques. In PSHE children will talk about their healthy and unhealthy life choices.



Suggested Home Learning

Encourage reading at home by sharing books and stories. Read the phonics book your child comes home with and comment in their reading record. If your child has also been provided with a phonics pack, carry out these activities daily and allow the children time to identify the digraph/trigraph in the word before sounding out to read.

Help your child with their phonics work and practice writing simple words and sentences. Access TWINKL and play phonics games for Levels 3-5. Focus on polysyllabic words with your children such as; l-u-n-ch-b-o-x. Also focus on 'nonsense' word activities which are made up words to support them with their phonics screening check.

Read and remember common exception words to improve your child's reading and writing. These words cannot be phonetically sounded out. Practice the common exception words lists that the children have been provided with so that they can receive a certificate.

Engage with your child in fun math activities, like counting objects, playing number games and solving mathematical word problems practically such as; "I have 3 pens and need 3 more pens. How many pens will I have altogether?"

Now the weather is warming up go out and explore! Have days out to the park, museums, beach landmarks of interest in London and widen your children's horizons. Talk to your children about anything and everything to develop their communication and language skills and widen their vocabulary!



Year 1 Summer 2 2026 – What is it like around the world?

In Geography, we are learning about different places around the world. Children will explore Shanghai and what it is like to live there.

In D&T, we will be learning how to use different equipment and exploring different foods to make our own smoothies.

In Science, we will be investigating science through different stories.

In RE, we are learning about the different world religions and what is special about the world around us.

In PSHE, we are learning about the different qualities we have. We will be thinking of star qualities we already have and those we would like to develop.

Suggested Home Learning

Encourage reading at home by sharing books and stories. Read the phonics book your child comes home with and comment in their reading record. Help your child with their phonics work and practice writing simple words and sentences. Access TWINKL and play phonics games for Levels 5 to support them becoming secure in this level, ready for Year 2.

Practice reading and writing the common exception words lists that the children have been provided with so that they can receive a certificate.

Engage with your child in fun math activities, playing number games and solving mathematical word problems practically such as; "I have 3 pens and need 3 more pens. How many pens will I have altogether?". Provide them with opportunities to use money and work out which coins they need to pay for something or how much change they will get back.

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