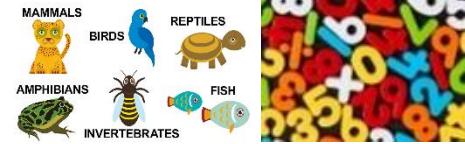


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English

This term, we are focusing on traditional tales featuring wolves. To begin with we will look at a book called 'Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf', which is based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Then we will begin to look at the book 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett. Children will write sentences using adjectives and conjunctions, then rewrite the story. Year 2 pupils will build upon this to use more complex conjunctions as well as expanded noun phrases. All pupils will focus on improving their handwriting.

Phonics Your child will continue to participate in a daily Read, Write, Inc. phonics lesson with one of our Key Stage One Reading Teachers, regularly introducing new sounds, practising our blending skills and learning to spell with Fred Talk. This session also includes a guided reading session where children will apply their phonics skills by reading a book, which they then bring home at the end of the week to read to you.

Children not requiring phonics will take part in guided reading throughout the week and bring the text home to re-read and discuss with you.

Reading We hope that children have been enjoying the 'sharing books' and have had lots of chances to share them with others. Please continue to hear your children read their reading books as much as possible as this will help develop their vocabulary and reading fluency.

Please write in your child's reading record whenever you read with them. Please make sure your child brings their book bag and reading books to school daily.

Science

We will begin learning about animals, including humans. In Year One, we will find out the different groups scientists put animals in: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. In Year Two, we will build on last year's knowledge by considering how different animals are adapted to their environments.

Geography

This half term, we are focusing on the continent of Antarctica. We will be finding out where Antarctica is on a map and globe as well as thinking about the human and physical features you would find there.



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The children have had a great start to 2026. There are lots of things for them to look forward to this term. If you have any questions about your child's learning, do get in touch.

Diary Dates

Term starts: Monday 5th January

Last day of term: Thursday 12th February

INSET day: Friday 13th February

Back to school: Monday 23rd February

Drink Bottles, Coats and PE kits

Please make sure your child comes to school with their PE kit every Monday and a water bottle every day. As the weather can still be cold and wet, please ensure children wear appropriate clothing every day.

Maths

In Year One, we will first be learning about place value of numbers to 20, then move on to addition and subtraction within 20. Children can practise counting forwards and backwards to 20 at home.

In Year Two we are exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, before moving on to learn about money. The children can apply this learning to real life by being encouraged to look at coins and calculate simple change.

Year 2 Swimming and KS1 Football

Year 2 pupils have swimming lessons every Tuesday until Easter. Poplar and Hawthorn will have Football coaching with Mr Phillips every Monday. As this is outside, they will need warm PE wear. Ash class will have this opportunity later in the year.

DT/Music/RE/PSHE

In DT we will first investigate what a structure is. Pupils will then create a bridge that can meet a set of criteria. In music we are exploring sounds, looking at how we can understand melodies in different songs using loud and quiet sounds. In RE we are finding out what different religious groups think about creation. In PSHE we will focus on dreams, goals, as well as celebrating our own achievements.

PE Days

Poplar – Mondays & Wednesdays

Hawthorn – Mondays & Wednesdays

Ash – Wednesdays & Thursdays

Year 2 - Swimming on Tuesdays