

Weekly Focus Letter - week beginning 29th September 2025

We hope that you find the focus for the week in English, Maths and Learning Journey useful, and hope that it will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

Year	English	Maths	Learning Journey
1	In Drawing club this week, the children will be listening to the story of 'Naughty Bus'. They will be inventing a perilous obstacle and working out how the bus will get over it. We will be encouraging the children to write in full sentences, remembering finger spaces and to re-read their work to ensure that it makes sense.	This week we are continuing with our learning about place value. We will be using manipulatives such as: counters and base 10 equipment to represent a 2-digit number. We will be using vocabulary such as tens, ones, digit, value and base 10. The children will also be working on their number recognition and ordering.	In Art this week, the children will be continuing to practice sketching. The children will be sketching teddy bears using varied pressure to add lighter and darker areas. In History this week, we are continuing to look back at toys. We will be focusing on the design of the Teddy Bear and where we can place it on our time line. We will be thinking about; what does beyond living memory mean?
2	In Curious Quest this week we will be looking at the text 'The kitchen Disco' by Clare Foges. We will use this to learn about verbs and over the week we will be writing descriptions of the fruit from the story and what they get up to. We will be designing our own robot and describing how they move as well as inventing our own slime and writing about the way it moves and explodes out of a box. Our grammar focus will be to use 'ing' verbs accurately.	In Maths, we will continue to learn about the place value of numbers. We will focus on estimating the value, comparing using more than and less than and to order numbers within 100.	In Science, this week we will start to look at the benefits to the body of exercise. We will relate this to party games and discuss which ones would be fun to play at an 'active and healthy' party. We will enjoy playing different party games and seeing how these affect our bodies before finally voting on the ones which we will include in our own party.
3&4	In English, we will be starting a new focus. We shall be developing our writing skills from letter formation, sentence structure, punctuation and sentence starters through a variety of shared and independent creative writing sessions.	In Year 3 and 4 in Maths, we will be looking at number lines to 1000 and then 10,000 and learning strategies to work out what each interval is worth on the number line.	In DT, we will be beginning to develop the skills we need to design and sew our eye masks. In PSHE we are considering our school community and the rules and expectations that will help it work best for everyone.
5	In English, we will be starting a new topic. We are going to use formal language to write a one sided argument within the format of a formal letter. We will begin by looking closely at a model text and finding the key features of a letter that children will use to write their own letter. Modal verbs will be our grammar focus.	In Maths, we begin to focus on addition and subtraction. We will be exploring various mental strategies, adding and subtracting numbers with more than four digits, rounding numbers to check answers, using the inverse operation to find an answer.	In Science, we will be testing different kitchen materials to see if they dissolve in water. We will be testing curry powder, vegetable stock, oil, salt, flour and sugar.
6	In English, we are starting a non-fiction writing unit. We will be writing biographies on Katherine Johnson. We will start this unit researching the life of Katherine Johnson and exploring the key grammatical and structural features of biographies.	In Maths, we are continuing to work on our mental arithmetic skills. We are also exploring, square, cube and prime numbers and learning the skill of long multiplication.	In Science, we will be exploring the planets in our solar system and conducting research from a variety of sources.