

Weekly Focus Letter - week beginning 6th October 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 were watching an episode of Bagpuss. They will be imagining that they travel to an ancient city of gold with the wise man and the turtles from the episode. 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.	In Maths this week, we will be taking everything we have learnt so far with counting, grouping in 10's to be more efficient with our counting and recognising that the tens and ones show a numbers value. We will use this to begin to identify and recognise any 2 digit numbers on a 100 square.	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 Science this week, we will be continuing to investigate properties of materials. We will be grouping materials and explaining their properties, such as twisting, bending, hard and soft.
2	In Curious Quest this week we will be focussing on writing information sentences that link ideas together. Each day we will write about a different area of 'keeping healthy' which links to our Science topic as well.	In Maths, we will be finishing our unit of work based on place value. We will start counting in different amounts on a number line as well as to continue to use rekenreks to support our understanding of the basics of number with a focus on odd and even numbers.	In D.T. this week we will be planning our fruit salad. In Science we will be focussing on the importance of hygiene in keeping healthy.
3&4	In English, we shall be continuing our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar focus. We shall be exploring expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials using drama and oracy prior to writing. Additionally, we shall continue to develop our handwriting skills.	We will begin the week by ordering numbers in ascending and descending order. We will then move on to rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. Year 3 will work with numbers to 1000 and year 4 with numbers to 10,000.	In Science, we will be investigating transparent, translucent and opaque materials to find the best ones for making blackout blinds. This will link to our computing work using data loggers.
5	In English, for our grammar focus we will be looking at first person pronouns and using adverbials for cohesion. In topic work linked to our class text, we are going to be writing a formal letter to the head teacher of Itch's school to protest against him being excluded. This week we will be collecting effective vocabulary to include in this letter.	In Maths, we begin to round to check answers, to use the inverse operations to solve problems. We will be solving multi-step addition and subtraction problems, comparing calculations, whether they are greater or smaller. Finally we will find missing numbers from number sentences.	In Science, we will be separating insoluble materials such as, sand, rice and metal pins. In PSHE we will be discussing and making the right choice for our own behaviour in school. We will be thinking about our rights and responsibilities, and continue to empathise with people in this country whose lives are different to our own.
6	In English, we are continuing our biographies on Katherine Johnson. We are planning our writing and will begin to draft and edit. Our focus is paragraphs and cohesive devices to link sentences and paragraphs.	In Maths this week, we will be revisiting short division in preparation for long division. We are also continuing to improve our mental arithmetic skills.	In Science, we will be explaining how the Earth's rotation causes day and night.